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POLICE RAIDS.

SEQUEL TO "TREASURY AFFAIR."

BOGUS FIRMS.

Sum Of \$260,000 Involved In The Frauds.

MATTER NOW BEING PROBED BY LOCAL DETECTIVE BRANCH.

Police raids were carried out systematically yesterday afternoon on the sixth floor of China Building, the authorities' action being admitted by Mr. T. H. King, Director of Criminal Intelligence, to be "mixed up with the Treasury affair."

Secrecy is being kept in order not to impede inquiries and, accordingly, it is not possible to say whether the loss of a sum believed to be \$260,000 from the Colonial Treasury was by means of a trick or through the medium of forged cheques.

No arrest was made after the raid on China Building but quantities of papers, books and other articles are being closely examined by detectives.

Three firms, whose names are given, are alleged by the Police to be "bogus firms."

Meanwhile, the haul obtained by the conspirators is still the talk of the town. At the moment, it is injudicious to say more than that the best brains in the Police Department are actively engaged and it is impossible to reveal the nature of the clues being followed up.

BOOKS SEIZED.

Following the discovery that the Hong Kong Treasury had been defrauded to the extent of over two and a half lakhs of dollars, the Police, acting on information received, promptly carried out a raid at 4.30 p.m., yesterday in certain offices on the sixth floor of China Building.

When Mr. T. H. King, Director of Criminal Intelligence, was asked this morning as to the result of the raid, he said that he was unable to make any statement on the matter for the present, as it was "mixed up with the Treasury affair."

"Three Bogus Firms."

However, Mr. King was prepared to say that the raid was carried out on office premises of three firms occupying a portion of the sixth floor of the China Building. These firms are known as Katz & Co., the Min Tak firm, and the Man Lee firm.

Mr. King declined to say what was the outcome of the raid, but added, "You can go so far as to say that these three firms are bogus firms."

With regard to the fraud on the Treasury, Mr. King said that he could not say anything on the matter beyond the fact that the information which had reached the "China Mail" man was "in the main correct."

Three Cheques Cashed.

The information gleaned from reliable quarters is that the sum of about \$260,000 was involved in the fraud on the Treasury, and it was further suggested that the fraud had been carried out by the improper use of cheques, sixty of which were missed from the Treasury recently.

Three of these cheques were subsequently filled in and cashed at the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank. These were all made out for large sums and together totalled approximately \$260,000.

Seizures at China Building. The discovery of the fraud was first made at the Bank. The Treasury was immediately communicated with, and they promptly placed the matter in the hands of the Criminal Investigation Department.

Inquiries were immediately set on foot, and following up certain information which the Police were able to gather, it was decided to make the raid on China Building.

It is understood that no arrest was made by the Police in any of the raided premises, but a large quantity of books, papers and other things found on the premises were removed to Police Headquarters, where examination of the matter seized is proceeding.

Officials' Signatures.

Further information gathered with regard to the Treasury fraud was to the effect that all the three cashed cheques were in the handwriting which resembled that of clerks employed at the Treasury, part of whose duties would be to fill in blank cheques. All three cheques bore the sup-

ANTI LABOUR.

Pakkai Follows Lead Of Canton.

UNION LEADER SHOT.

Government's Strong Policy Still In Force.

Pakkai, Yesterday. The Pakkai authorities, following the example shown by their superiors in Canton, are doing their utmost to suppress local labour unions.

Squads of soldiers have been sent to the rice-mills at Kongmoon where workmen under the slightest suspicion have been summarily arrested. Employees who are believed to have been ringleaders, or to have given trouble recently in support of the labour unions, have also been dealt with.

Union's Leader Shot.

Several tens of rice-mill workers are in custody and the head of the union was shot on Monday.

It should be noted that nine out of ten rice-mills were closed tem-

RAIN AGAIN.

East winds, fresh, generally cloudy, some rain, is the official weather forecast until noon tomorrow.

The anticyclone is now central over the Yellow Sea. Fresh to strong monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the North China Sea.

porarily because the masters were unable to meet the men's demands.

The authorities are also closing up labour unions which they think are becoming nuisances or are impeding trade.—Our own correspondent.

Canton's General Union.

Following the Canton Government's strong policy towards labour unions, the "moderate" General Union contemplates reorganisation to bring itself within a scope which will be favoured by the Government.

POPE'S SUPREMACY.

REPORT OF THE MALINES CONVERSATIONS.

CATHOLIC VIEWS.

Rugby, Yesterday. The report of the Malines conversation, under approval of the Vatican and Roman Catholic theologians, is published to-day. It consists of two parts. One is the Anglicans' report of the informal conference to the Archbishop of Canterbury and the other consists of memorandum by Roman Catholic members of the conference.

The conversations were necessarily inconclusive, but the Anglican members state that the series of conversations may be described as the elimination of several subjects which have ceased to be causes of difference and the elucidation of others that still remain.

The Roman Catholic members state that the conversations have impressed upon all who took part in them the conviction that in proportion as mutual understanding and doctrinal agreement advance it will become possible to arrange a satisfactory adjustment of disciplinary rules, however delicate that may seem at present.—British Wireless Service.

DAVID A. GUBBAY.

OLD RESIDENT DIES IN LONDON.

LOSS TO SASSOONS.

News was received by cable in Hong Kong this morning of the death which took place suddenly in London yesterday of Mr. David A. Gubbay, a former Hong Kong resident who would be remembered here by only a few of the "old timers."

At the time of his death Mr. Gubbay was a Director in London of Messrs. David Sassoon & Co., Ltd. Some 80 years ago Mr. Gubbay was manager of the Hong Kong branch of the firm and was at the same time a Director of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, besides being on the Boards of several local companies. Mr. Gubbay who was over 80 years of age at the time of his death, was a grandson of the late Mr. David Sassoon, the founder of the firm which bears his name.

CITY SACKED.

Yang Sen's Troops Strip Ichang.

OVER 1,000 HOUSES DESTROYED

All-Night Conflagration And Looting.

Shanghai, Yesterday. Over 1,000 houses in the city of Ichang, on the upper Yangtze River, have been stripped, following sacking by the troops under General Yang Sen.

The sacking began on the night of Jan. 15, when the city was systematically looted. The fires had not subsided by next morning when many people had lost their lives and much damage had been caused.

After wreaking the havoc, General Yang Sen's troops withdrew (up-River?)—"Wah Keung Po."

[Note: Ichang is 370 miles above Hankow, a Treaty port in the west of Hupien province. Yang Sen has been driven back up the River by Nationalist forces from Hankow. During his stay at Ichang, he must have asked for money from the merchants and people. Non-payment is a likely cause for the troops' terrible excesses.]

POSITION IMPROVED.

Grave Phase of Revolution Fast.

London, Yesterday.

Affairs in China caused anxiety, but he thought that the position was somewhat improved, declared Sir Austen Chamberlain in addressing his constituents at Birmingham. He was of opinion that the grave phase of the Chinese revolution had passed with the passing of Russian influence in China.

THE IRONSIDES.

Reported Alliance And Its Effect on Canton.

No authentic news about the Ironsides has been available this week, but a report is now to hand to the effect that these troops have come to an understanding with the Nationalist corps of several thousand men which entered Kwangtung from Fukien and which is under a General supposedly loyal to Chiang Kai-shek. There is no independent confirmation. However, an alliance such as indicated may prove a formidable challenger to the Canton Government. The report mentions positions in the East River basin where the Ironsides and the other Nationalist body have come in contact.

HUNANESE LOSE.

Hankow Nationalists Said To Be Advancing.

That the Hunanese army is retreating from positions along the Hupien frontier is reported in overnight cables which state that the Nationalist armies from Hankow are exerting more pressure.

A Chinese cable predicts that the Hunanese will give up Yochow and Changsha and retreat into the south of Hunan province, to Hengchow.

General Lu Ting-ting and the 2nd Nationalist Army, along that part of the Yangtze above Hankow and below Ichang, is reported to be active again.

CHINA'S TREATIES.

Chiang Kai-shek on Peaceful Revision.

Among items proposed by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek for the agenda of the fourth plenary session of the Nationalist Party are the following:—

To secure by peaceful means revision of all unequal treaties; To await definite signs from Soviet Russia that efforts to cause disturbances in China have ceased, before resuming diplomatic relations.

WU PEI-FU.

Claiming Support in the Interior.

Peking, Yesterday. According to reports from Chinese sources, Marshal Wu Peifu has left Szechuan province for

ARMS FOR CHINA.

Nanking Government's Warning.

GERMANS THREATENED.

All Branch Offices May Be Sealed.

Nanking, Yesterday.

With reference to various reports that a large shipment of arms had been imported from Germany by the Norwegian steamer "Skule" by a number of German firms, including Siemens and Company and Carlowitz and Company, and sold to Chang Tso-lin and Sun Chuan-fang, the Nanking Foreign Ministry in a memorandum submitted to the Government Council recommends that instructions be issued to the Military Council, the Nationalist Navy, and the Foreign Ministry for the investigation and verification of these reports. The Ministry further recommends that if the reports are true, the Naval and Customs authorities should be instructed to detain the

SOCCER CARTOON.

To-morrow's issue of the "China Mail" will contain a cartoon by Stan Hill illustrating the inter-departmental football match between the P.W.D. and Sanitary Department.

ship, while all branch offices of offending German firms in Nationalist territory should be sealed or otherwise properly dealt with; that foreigners and Chinese found implicated in illicit arms traffic be arrested and handed over to the proper authorities for punishment according to the laws of treason and rebellion; and, finally, that both the German and Norwegian Consulates should be requested to warn their nationals against such further violations of the law.

The reports received by the Ministry are substantially as follows: The Peking Government lately commissioned a number of German firms in Tientsin, Tsinan, and Tsingtao to purchase arms and ammunition from Germany, amounting to more than five million dollars. In accordance with the contract a shipment of arms from Germany arrived at Tsingtao on January 1 aboard the "Skule," the cargo of arms being unloaded by the agents of Carlowitz and Company and immediately delivered to the representatives of various Fengtien armies who had been waiting at Tsingtao for the consignment.—Reuter.

Voyage of the "Praga."

Peking, Yesterday. With reference to the Manila cable in regard to the "Praga" the Japanese Legation fears that the wording thereof may lead to an assumption in certain quarters that the cruiser "Oh" is conveying the "Praga." It declares that any such assumption is without foundation as the Japanese are not departing from the usual policy of neutrality. The "Oh" cruises in the South Seas and does not call at Manila more than once a year and so she did not now in accordance with her customary routine.—Reuter.

[Note: The "China Mail" said yesterday:— It cannot be taken for granted that because a Japanese warship is on the same route she is there to "protect" the "Praga."]

TELEVISION.

REPORT OF A DEFINITE ADVANCE.

Rugby, Yesterday. Baird's television experts announce that television has been definitely established between London and New York. During the last few weeks experiments have enabled faces and hands to be seen across the Atlantic, and although the features are indistinct, it is anticipated that this will be overcome in the near future.—British Wireless Service.

Ningkiang. These reports state that all the troops in the north of Szechuan province and the South of Shenai province are ready to support him.—Reuter.

REDS AGAIN.

REPORTS FROM CANTON AND PAKKAI.

PIRATES RECOGNISED.

Communist Plot To Re-take Capital at New Year.

LOCAL SOVIET GOVERNMENT SET UP IN KWANGTUNG.

Side by side, two interesting reports from Canton and Pakkai, respectively, throw considerable light on the activities of the Communists.

From a very well informed source, the "China Mail" learns that the discharged seamen who attacked the "San Nam Hoi" were known to the authorities as Reds.

From Canton comes a message to the effect that Reds are plotting to make a second bid for control of the city, that they intended to act around China New Year, and that the authorities have come into possession of what is going on.

A town in northern Kwangtung has just seen a local Soviet Government set up. Hankow is apprehensive over possible Red outbreaks.

HANKOW FEARS.

Either just before New Year's Eve or on the second day of the year (next Tuesday), Communists plan to stage a second rising in Canton, states a vernacular report to hand.

How far this is true remains to be seen, but it is stated that the Canton authorities are aware of the plot and have taken all precautions.

Particulars of the plot, as known to the authorities, are said to be as follows:—

To buy the support of unemployed workmen and members of labour unions, which have been proscribed in large numbers recently.

To organise a corps of two hundred "prepared to die" advance fighters to storm positions and set fire to buildings.

It is also stated that the plotters are hoping to take advantage of the Government's uncompromising attitude regarding dismissal of employees on the second day of the year.

The report concludes by saying that vigilance is being maintained in Canton.

MYSTIC RED SIGNS.

Events at Pakkai the Night Before.

How advance information was received about the "pirates" of the s.s. "San Nam Hoi" being Communists, and how people at Pakkai preferred to hide and take precautions instead of getting in touch with the authorities, is told in the following:—

Pakkai (Kongmoon), Yesterday. On Monday evening—the piracy occurred on Tuesday morning—small pieces of red paper with curious names written thereon, or bearing mystic signs, were seen to have been pasted on the doors of houses near the station of the Sunning Railway terminus. "Same as Canton."

The identity of those who put the signs up is unknown, but the bits of red paper were similar to some found in Canton after the Red riots.

People became suspicious but satisfied themselves with taking precautions.

It has since transpired that the Pakkai authorities received information at about the same time that several tens of Communists, "who might be Reds," had arrived at Pakshek village, about half a mile from Pakkai.

Reds, Undoubtedly. Emergency conditions were set up, the night passed peacefully—and next day the "piracy" occurred.

These "several tens of Reds"—for Reds they were—turned out to be ex-seamen of the Hong Kong steamboats. Revenge was the motive and the comrades' life was the objective just as much as the captain's and officers'.

Our own correspondent.

TWO UNIONS.

Steamboat Owners To Ask For Protection.

Conclusive evidence having been forthcoming that the attack on the Hong Kong s.s. "San Nam Hoi" was made by former mem-

bers of the crew and members of the Chinese Seamen's Union branch at Pakkai, it is interesting to note a report that the owners of steamboats plying between Hong Kong and Pakkai are making representations to the Hong Kong and Canton Governments.

Threats are alleged to have been made by seamen who struck shortly after the Red riots broke out in Canton last month. These belong to the Chinese Seamen's Union. Their positions on the ships were filled by members of the River-boats' Seamen's Union who have worked loyally since.

Compensation Wanted.

The Chinese Seamen's Union branch at Pakkai asks for the Riverboat Union men to be removed and for compensation to be paid to the former crews in lieu of wages lost through absence.

No understanding having been reached, it is hinted that the branch Union at Pakkai is making veiled threats, and in view of the attack on the "San Nam Hoi," the owners are making representations to the authorities concerned.

It should be noted that the Seamen's Union in Hong Kong, which was associated with the Union in Canton, was proscribed some time ago. Action was taken by the authorities in Canton last month against a section of the seamen, following the Red riots. It has been subsequently reported that the Seamen's Union in Canton has been proscribed by General Li Chai-sum's Government.

TOWN DESTROYED.

Local Soviet Government At Pingshek.

Unfavourable news continues to come through from Pingshek, a town in the very north of Kwangtung province. It is overrun by Communists who are supposed to be a part of those who were driven out from Canton last month. Half the town has been destroyed and a local Soviet Government is reported to have been set up.

Hankow's Fears.

Peking, Yesterday. Communist outbreaks are feared at Hankow during Chinese New Year and barricades are being erected in the Concessions. Martial law is declared at night time.—Reuter.

TROOP MOVEMENTS.

MUCH ACTIVITY AT CHANGLIN.

Changlin, Yesterday. Various movements of troops are reported, including the passage of the 13th and 44th Wahan Armies towards Changsha.—British Naval Wireless.

Shasi Uneasy.

Shasi, Yesterday. Feelings of uneasiness exist here owing to the departure of most of General Yang Sen's troops for Ichang.—British Naval Wireless.

New Commander.

Shanghai, Yesterday. General Hsiung Shih-hwei has taken over the control of the Shanghai-Woosung area.—British Naval Wireless.

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Water Authority.
Public Works Department,
Hong Kong, 18th January, 1928.

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Hong Kong, 18th January, 1928.

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The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, 26th January to THURSDAY, 9th February, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

L. S. GREENHILL,
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Hong Kong, 10th January, 1928.

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THE VOLUNTEERS.

KHAKI SHIRTS MUST BE WORN.

LATEST ORDERS.

The following orders have been issued by Lt.-Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., Commandant. O.C. Units will instruct all N.C.O.'s to get chevrons of white tape according to rank worn on to their khaki shirts by the master tailor, forthwith.

The Commandant notices that the regulation khaki shirt is not always worn by all ranks of the Corps under the khaki jacket. O.C. Units will give this matter their attention and ensure that all ranks are in possession of regulation shirts and impress on all that these are invariably to be worn on all parades.

Musketry.

Sunday, January 22, 1928.

Armoured Car Company, Infantry Company and Casuals will fire Part II. Table T. at Stonecutters Range.

Range Officer: Lieut. J. Norrie-Owen.

Launch will leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Dress: Uniform or mufti optional, but rifle, bayonet, pouches, braces and belt must be worn.

Arms will be drawn from Corps Headquarters on Friday, January 20, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, or 2 and 4 p.m., and 5 and 6 p.m.; and on Saturday, January 21, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Holidays.

Monday, January 23, and Tuesday, January 24, 1928, will be observed as holidays, no parades will be held on those dates.

Casuals.

A large number of all ranks have not yet fired Part II. Lists of names are posted on Corps notice boards. All such will make arrangements to fire by Sunday, January 29, 1928, the last day on which Part II. will be fired.

Camp Pay.

The attention of all ranks is drawn to the fact that Camp Pay has been issued to O.C. Units, and must be drawn and signed for before January 20 on which date undrawn pay reverts to Government.

Corps Signals.

Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, January 26, 1928, for Signal Instruction.

Engineer Company.

Musketry Part II. Table T. will be fired at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, January 29, 1928.

Range Officer: 2/Lieut. R. S. Logan.

Armoured Car Co.

Musketry Part II. Table T. See Order No. 3.

Car Section.

There will be a formation run on Thursday, January 26, Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. under 2/Lieut. A. C. Groves.

Machine Gunners.

When they have passed all their machine gun tests and are otherwise efficient may apply through their officer for driving lessons.

Infantry Company.

Musketry Part II. Table T. See Order No. 3.

No. 1 Platoon.

Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Friday, January 27, 1928, for Machine Gun Instruction.

Dress: Mufti.

Scottish Company.

All Platoons will parade at Platoon Headquarters on Thursday, January 26, 1928, at 5.30 p.m. for Vickers Gun Instruction.

Musketry Part II. Table T. will be fired on Sunday, January 29, at Stonecutters Range.

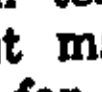
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to notify their Consumers that owing to Alterations in the Generating Station, the Supply of Electricity will not be available between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. on MONDAY, the 23rd January.

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Hong Kong, 20th January, 1928.

NOTICE.

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CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

ON MONDAY, the 23rd January, and TUESDAY, the 24th January, all Departments will be CLOSED.

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A. S. WATSON & CO. LTD.
Hong Kong, 20th January, 1928.

Next parade on Friday, January 27, 1928.

Reserve Company.

The Machine Gun Class will be held at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 1, 1928. Dress: Mufti.

Machine Gun Competition.

Results of Machine Gun field firing Competition are given below:

Unit Points Gained Strength Count

1st No. 1 128 25 5.12

2nd Mobile Section 143 31 4.61

3rd No. 2 106 28 3.73

The Commandant congratulates all ranks of No. 1 Platoon on winning the field firing cup to be held for one year.

The following communication has been received from the General Staff, South China Command:—

"The General Officer Commanding wishes me to convey to you his congratulations on the efficiency of the Artillery Company under your

Command. He was extremely pleased with the smart soldier-like turn out on Sunday, the 15th inst. and also their gun drill and shooting."

"Will you please convey his congratulations to all ranks."

"In conveying the congratulations of H.E. the G.O.C. the Commandant wishes to express his high appreciation of the keenness of all ranks of the Artillery Company which has had such splendid results."

Marksmen.

The undermentioned has qualified as marksmen and are entitled to wear the badges for one year:—

No. 1131 Pte. G. A. Ribeiro, No. 9 Platoon, 97 points.

No. 713 Pte. A. Murdoch, Reserve Co., 93 points.

Strength.

The following results are taken on the strength, and posted to Portuguese Company.—

No. 1291 Pte. M. A. Silva, dated January 13, 1928.

No. 1292 Pte. P. T. Rozario, dated January 13, 1928.

No. 1293 Pte. J. D. Remedios, dated January 13, 1928.

No. 1294 Pte. C. Ribeiro, dated January 13, 1928.

No. 1295 Pte. E. A. Ribeiro, dated January 16, 1928.

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KAMO MARU Saturday, 11th February.

KATORI MARU Saturday, 25th February.

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MISHIMA MARU Wednesday, 22nd February.

TANGO MARU Wednesday, 21st March.

BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.

†MALACCA MARU Monday, 27th January.

TAMBA MARU Saturday, 11th February.

SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico & Panama.

GINYO MARU Monday, 6th February, 1928.

SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape Town & Ports.

KAWACHI MARU Wednesday, 29th February.

NEW YORK and/or BOSTON via PANAMA.

†TATSUNO MARU Friday, 10th February.

LIVERPOOL via Singapore, Colombo, Port Said & Ports.

DELAGO MARU Tuesday, 7th February.

CALCUTTA via SINGAPORE, PENANG & RANGOON.

†CEYLON MARU Saturday, 21st January.

†RANGOON MARU Tuesday, 31st January.

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ITALIANS PRAISED AS MARINERS.

The wreck of the Italian liner "Principessa Mafalda" off the Brazilian coast draws attention to the astonishing progress made in Italian shipping since Signor Mussolini began to guide the destinies of Italy, writes Mr. E. W. Folsom Newman in the "Daily Mail."

Before the war the Italian Merchant Service was run chiefly for the transport of the vast masses of Italian emigrants who annually swarmed to the United States, the Argentine, and Brazil, and the "Principessa Mafalda" was employed on this service. As many as 600,000 people left the shores of Italy every year. Now, however, that the United States has practically closed her doors against Italian immigrants and the South American Republics have introduced restrictions, the Italian Mercantile Marine has been largely diverted to first-class passenger traffic.

New ships have been built, new routes have been opened up, speed has been increased, and Government subsidies have been placed on an entirely new footing. The port of Genoa has been completely transformed since the war. There are few more luxurious ships afloat than those plying between Genoa and Egypt and between that port and New York and Buenos Aires, while the Trieste-Alexandria packet is one of the fastest on record.

So efficient are the Italian services and so comfortable are their ships that this new addition to passenger shipping is rapidly becoming a serious menace to some of the older shipping lines.

Nearly half the ships launched in 1925 were motor vessels, and two of the new Italian ships are over 30,000 tons, or equal in size to the "Mauretania." In the next three years 100,000 tons of new shipping are to be built, and the new scheme of subsidies will provide the shipping companies with over £2,000,000 annually.

While it cannot be said that the Italians are naturally a maritime race, they are making a mighty effort to revive the ancient sea spirit of Genoa and Venice.

Signor Mussolini realises that the foundation of a good navy lies in an efficient merchant service, and in a recent speech said: "We are a Mediterranean people, and our destiny, without copying anyone, has been, and always will be, on the sea."

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BACK REPORTED BROKEN OFF CHEFOO.

Shanghai, Yesterday.
It is reported that the gunboat "Changli" is ashore at Changshan, to the north-east of Chefoo. The vessel has broken her back. No further details are to hand. —Reuter.

[The "Changli" is a steel gunboat of 740 tons displacement, constructed, with three sister ships, in Japan, in 1907. She is 180 feet in length, beam 28 ft. and draught 7 ft. She carries one 12 cm., one 75 cm., four 4.7 cm. and four 8 mm. guns. Her speed is 13 knots and she has a complement of 97 officers and men. The "Changli" was captured by the "Hatch" off Woosung in the spring of 1927.]

PASSENGER LINERS.

SITUATION ONE OF EXTREME DELICACY.

Even if we discount the proposals to establish a service across the Atlantic with vessels which would make the voyage in four days, also the suggested 30-knot Italian ships, the situation in regard to the construction of new liner tonnage at the present time is one of extreme delicacy and interest. There is every indication that matters are coming to a head in various directions, and it is opportune that the "Augustus," the largest motor liner yet built and a vessel exceeding the tonnage of the "Mauretania," should just have started on her maiden voyage.

The full description will therefore, we hope, be read with some interest. For, if a ship of 32,650 tons gross, with a speed of nearly 20 knots, can be satisfactorily constructed as an all-engined craft, it is not a very great step to undertake the production of the mammoth trans-Atlantic liners which are now in question.

A few years ago the opinion was widely held among shipowners and shipbuilders that liners of the future would, for the most part, be vessels of moderate dimensions and speed. Such a view is, in fact, still maintained by some owners and acted upon (as exemplified in the policy of the Hamburg-America Line), but it does not now represent the general attitude of mind. Of this, evidence is to be found in the construction of two 46,000-ton steamers for the North German Lloyd, and the vessels, probably larger than anything afloat, which are to be built for the White Star Line and the Cunard Steam Ship Co. The Compagnie Generale Trans-Atlantique will also lay down a liner larger than the "le de France" (besides two intermediate-class ships), and in Italy plans are prepared for vessels bigger than the "Augustus." The Swedish-American Line, on the other hand, will order a liner of about 20,000 tons gross, whilst Norwegian and Danish owners of passenger ships may possibly adopt a similar policy in the near future.

Diesel Engined.

All the vessels involved will be engaged on the trans-Atlantic service, but even on the South American route very big liners are likely to be ordered, since French, Spanish and Italian owners all have definite plans for passenger ships larger than those now in operation.

It is already decided that in many of these liners Diesel engines will be utilised. Internal-combustion motors can now be constructed without any element of risk suitable for the largest ships, and if, for instance, we assume that an output of 60,000 h.p. be required on quadruple screws for the new White Star liner, this can be obtained with twelve-cylinder engines of a type of which numerous examples have been in service for two or three years merely by increasing the cylinder diameter 2½ ins. A stationary engine of 16,000 h.p. has already been built.

The saving in the fuel used with such an installation compared with the best results yet achieved with steam would amount to approximately 250 tons of oil daily, and, as owners of motor ships are continually finding the reduction in the fuel bill is but one of the many advantages conferred by the adoption of oil engines. The problem of increasing the cylinder dimensions to a certain extent does not now possess any terrors for the manufacturer, since builders are prepared to construct 25,000 h.p. engines having a cylinder diameter of 1,050 mm, compared with about 900 mm, which now represents the maximum adopted. "The Motor Ship."

LOCAL SHIPPING.

TO-DAY'S ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

THIS MORNING'S LIST.

Bowes Castle (3,634) British, from Newport, Hoilo, —Doddwell, 1,420 tons oil for Hong Kong, 2,274 tons oil and general cargo (through).

Periak (1,103) British, from Shanghai, —A.P.C.—cargo nil. Kayling (1,572) British, from Bangkok, Swatow, —B. & S.—1,500 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 7 passengers, 100 tons general (through).

Protosilaus (6,118) British, from Tacoma, Milke—B. & S.—62 passengers, 6,430 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Cyclopes (5,774) British, from Yokohama, Shanghai, —B. & S.—3,352 tons general cargo (through). Empress of Canada (12,511) British from Vancouver, Shanghai, —C.P.S.—563 passengers, 1,726 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 639 tons general (through).

Suiyang (1,594) British, from Canton, —B. & S.—44 passengers, 200 tons general cargo (through). Luchow (1,221) British, from Dairen, Amoy, —B. & S.—21 passengers, 280 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 360 tons general (through).

Chinhua (1,363) British, from Bangkok, Koksichang, —B. & S.—14 passengers, 1,350 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Saarbrucker (5,366) German from Bremen, Manila, —Melchers & Co.—58 passengers, 780 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 5,100 tons general (through).

Tjondari (5,019) Dutch, from Sourabaya, Batavia, —J.C.J.L.—134 passengers, 2,285 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 1,245 tons general (through).

Harunasan Maru (5,019) Japanese, from Milke, —M.B.K.—2,483 tons coal for Hong Kong.

Nutaga Maru (1,259) Japanese, from Kobe, Karatsu, —Sato & Co.—cargo nil.

Sourabaya Maru (2,728) Japanese, from Sourabaya, Tawao, —O.S.K.—44 passengers, 1,474 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 2,611 tons general (through).

Mishima Maru (4,905) Japanese, from Melbourne, Manila, —N.Y.K.—133 passengers, 395 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 2,761 tons general (through).

Tak Hing (105) Chinese, from Autau, —Fook Hoi—40 passengers, 3 tons general for Hong Kong.

Shui Hing (114) Chinese, from Macao, —Hoo Hing—30 tons general for Hong Kong.

Foo Lee (869) Chinese, from Dairen, Tsingtau, —Shung Tai Hong—300 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 510 tons general (through).

On Lu (992) Chinese, from Dairen, —Ching Cheo—950 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Departures.
For Macao:—Shui Hing.
For Manila:—Vogtland.
For Haiphong:—Periak.
For Swatow:—Hydrangea, Hai Ning.

For Bangkok:—Hirundo.
For Singapore:—Kamakura Maru, Remo.
For Autau:—Tak Hing.
For Samarinda:—Vestland.
Clearance.

For Canton:—Kogechu Maru.
For Saigon:—Hwah Ching.
For Singapore:—Cyclops.
For Nagasaki:—Mishima Maru.

Shipping Abstract.

	Arrivals	Departures	Port
British	9	3	27
Japanese	4	1	5
Norwegian	0	2	9
Chinese	4	2	18
Dutch	1	0	5
German	1	1	1
Italian	0	1	0
Panama	0	0	1
Portuguese	0	0	3
French	0	0	3
	19	10	75

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EMPERESS OF CANADA	Feb. 15	Feb. 18	Feb. 21	Feb. 24	Mar. 4
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	Mar. 7	Mar. 10	Mar. 13	Mar. 16	Mar. 25
EMPERESS OF ASIA	Mar. 28	Mar. 31	Apr. 3	Apr. 6	Apr. 15
EMPERESS OF CANADA	Apr. 18	Apr. 21	Apr. 24	Apr. 27	May 6
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	May 9	May 12	May 15	May 18	May 27
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ATLAS MARU	Friday, 3rd February.
RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES—Via Saigon, Singapore, Colombo, Durban & Cape Town.	Friday, 10th February.
MONTEVIDEO MARU	Friday, 10th February.
ROMBAY—Via Singapore and Colombo.	Friday, 10th February.
SUMATRA MARU (Calla at Karachi) Sunday, 22nd January.	Friday, 10th February.
*HONOLULU MARU (both calls at Karachi).	Friday, 10th February.
SHINGO MARU	Tuesday, 7th February.
DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR AND MOBEASA—Via Singapore and Colombo.	Tuesday, 7th February.
CHICAGO MARU	Tuesday, 31st January.
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang and Rangoon.	Tuesday, 31st January.
SEATTLE MARU	Wednesday, 25th January.
TACOMA MARU	Saturday, 25th February.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER Via Japan Ports.	Saturday, 25th February.
AFRICA MARU (from Shanghai)	Monday, 23rd January.
HAIPHONG—Via HOIHOW & PAKHOL	Monday, 23rd January.
TAIKWA MARU	Tuesday, 31st January, 10 a.m.
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco & Panama.	Tuesday, 31st January, 10 a.m.
HAVANA MARU	Friday, 6th January.
JAPAN PORTS	Friday, 6th January.
SOURABAYA MARU	Friday, 20th January.
BINGO MARU	Tuesday, 24th January.
KEEI NI: Via SWATOW & AMOY.	Tuesday, 24th January.
KAIJO MARU	Sunday, 22nd Jan., 11 a.m.
HOZAN MARU	Sunday, 29th January, 11 a.m.
TAKAO Via SWATOW & AMOY.	Thursday, 26th January, 10 a.m.
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MALWA	10,986	4th Feb.	Marseilles & London
KEELER	8,114	18th Feb.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
NELORE	8,153	25th Feb.	Marseilles & London
MACEDONIA	11,120	8th Mar.	Marseilles & London
KHYBER	9,135	15th Mar.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
KASHMIR	8,985	17th Mar.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
KARMAIA	9,128	24th Mar.	Marseilles & London
MANJUA	10,946	31st Mar.	Marseilles & London
MAHARAJA	9,144	7th Apr.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MONGOLIA	16,504	14th Apr.	Marseilles & London
MOREA	10,953	28th Apr.	Marseilles & London
KASHGAR	9,005	15th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MALWA	10,986	26th May	Marseilles & London
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MACEDONIA	11,120	23rd June	Marseilles & London

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KHYA	9,135	3rd Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
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MAHARAJA	10,946	20th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
ST. ALBANS	4,500	24th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
WAGBOP	5,283	13th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MONGOLIA	16,504	17th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MOREA	10,953	30th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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ARRIVALS.

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U.S. NAVY.

ORGANIZES NAVAL RESERVE.

Washington, Dec. 23.

The United States Navy today is in process of organizing a Merchant Marine Naval Reserve for use in the "next emergency."

An explanation of the Navy's purposes and methods in this connection have been distributed to owners and operators of United States Merchant vessels with an invitation to urge their merchant marine officers to participate in the plan. Admiral R. H. Leigh, chief of the Bureau of Navigation, is conducting the organization of the proposed Reserve.

In connection with his explanation of the plan to the ship owners, Admiral Leigh virtually admitted that the United States Navy had never been called upon in time of war to engage an enemy equal to itself in numbers and modernity. This situation readily is demonstrated by the Admiral's own explanation.

"In the last two wars in which the United States has been engaged (Spanish-American war and the World War)," he said, "the sea-power of the enemy was so inferior that its vessels were speedily confined to home ports, interned, seized or sunk."

"It cannot be expected that such fortunate conditions will be met in the next emergency and it is therefore necessary to develop every facility that will tend to increase the power and efficiency of the forces upon the sea."

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Another interesting phase of Admiral Leigh's communication dealt with the situation which would develop if naval disarmament or substantial limitations of naval strength ever were generally achieved.

"While effort is tending toward international agreement in regard to relative naval strength so far as combatant vessels are concerned," said the Admiral, "no such proposals are contemplated in regard to other than naval vessels; the future control of the sea may then well depend upon the relative power of the merchant vessels of the contending parties. Even as strictly war vessels, the large and fast ships of the merchant marine are superior to many cruisers of the several navies, and, as tenders to the fighting fleet, as tankers, refrigerators and supply vessels, are an indispensable arm of the navy."

"Lack of preparedness on the part of these vessels would be a serious handicap to the fleet since the rapidity with which the naval forces can act at the outbreak of hostilities is of great importance." It is Admiral Leigh's purpose, as explained in his letter, to enlist the support of merchant marine officers for training under the commanders of their respective vessels. The programme has been approved by Congress and funds presumably will be appropriated to pay the reservists, the equivalent of one month's pay annually in the rank to which they are entitled. As soon as half a merchant ship's officers have enrolled for ship-unit training the vessel would be entitled to fly the Merchant Marine Naval Reserve flag.

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SUBMARINE'S FATE.

DEFECTS REPORTED NOT VITAL.

Boston, Jan. 6.

Defects in construction of the submarine S-4, sunk off Provincetown when rammed by the destroyer "Paulding," were discussed before the Naval Court of Inquiry here to-day.

It was testified by Navy officials that some defects existed but that there was none which might have caused the disaster. Defects in the air apparatus, however, might have caused deaths of the survivors prematurely, it was said.

The officials declared Commander Jones, in charge of the submarine, to have been efficient, cautious, and in no wise blameable. United Press.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The B. I. s.s. "Takada" left Singapore for this port on January 13 at p.m., and is due here to-day.

The P. & O. s.s. "Devanha" left Shanghai for this port on January 17 at 4 p.m. with the mails, and is due here to-day at about 6 a.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" arrived at Shanghai on January 16 at 7.30 p.m. left Shanghai on January 17 at 8 a.m., and was due at Hong Kong yesterday morning. She will leave for Manila to-day at 5 p.m.

The B. I. s.s. "Takada" left Singapore for this port on January 13 at p.m., and is due here to-morrow at a.m.

The P. & O. s.s. "Khyber" left Singapore for this port on January 16 at 4 p.m., with the outward English Mails, and is due here to-morrow at about 4 p.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" left Yokohama for Vancouver on January 13 at 5 p.m., and is due at Vancouver on January 22.

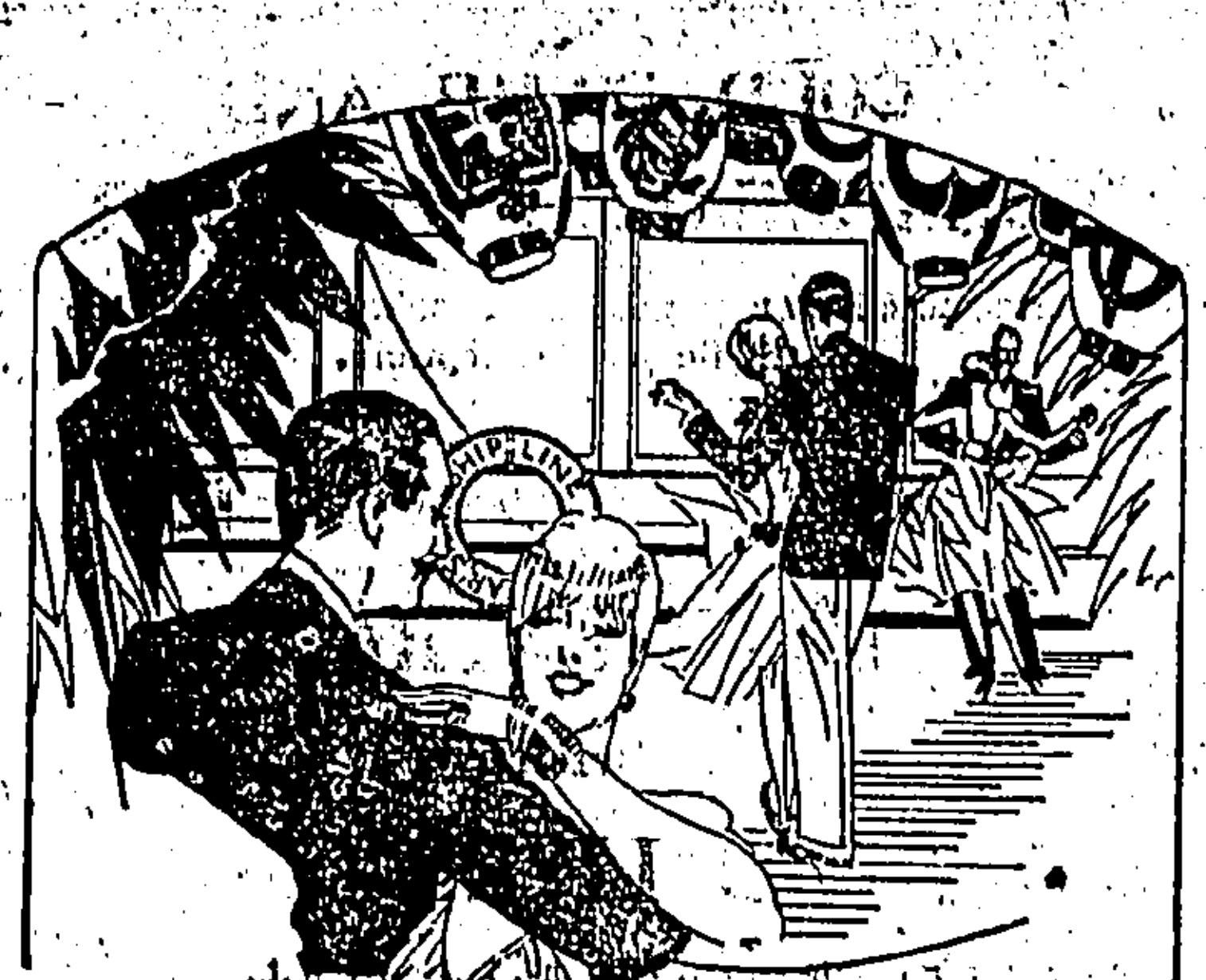
The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" (Capt. A. J. Hatley, R.N.R.) will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama at noon on January 25.

The men would receive instruction in manoeuvring, signalling, gunnery, navy accounting, etcetera, but without losing time from their regular berths.

Trade Routes.

"Nations which enjoy a large foreign trade in peace times must be in a position," the Admiral said, "to keep open the essential trade routes in time of war. This can only be done by means of naval supremacy or command of the sea and in order to secure this supremacy every possible agency to that end must be developed to the highest possible efficiency. Overseas commerce has assumed a position of far greater relative value (than before the war) and American ships in large numbers are engaged in it. It is now not only necessary to protect the trade but also the vessels essential for its prosecution."

A Shipping Board statement published soon after Admiral Leigh's letter said that of the 5,761 vessels which handled American foreign trade in the calendar year 1926, more than two thirds were of foreign registry. The foreign ships thus engaged numbered 4,088 of 26,330,000 gross tons. The gross tonnage proportionately, among the various classifications were American oil tankers—United Press.

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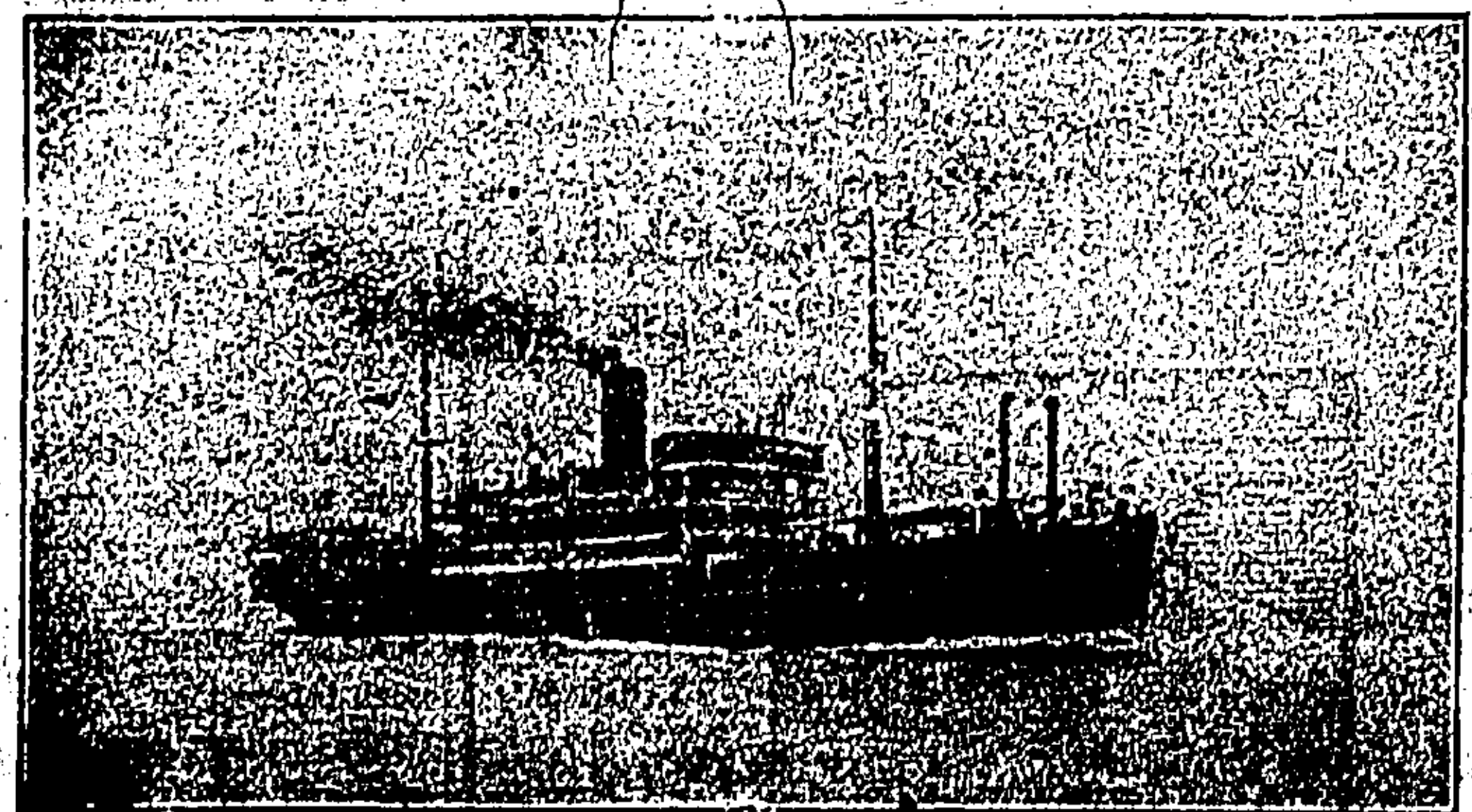
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DEATH.

GUBBAY.—On January 19, 1928,
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Hong Kong, Friday, Jan. 20, 1928.

"SAN NAM HOI" ATTACK.

A declaration to the effect that the attack on the steamer "San Nam Hoi" on Tuesday morning was not a piracy at all would be regarded in many quarters as a mere quibble over words. The fact remains, however, that the attackers were not pirates in the accepted sense; that at least one of them has been recognised as an ex-member of the crew of the vessel; that certain dismissed men had been known to threaten the lives of the captain and commander; that the outrage took place on a spot most unlikely of selection by professionals; that no systemised plan of attack was evident, and that no efforts are made to secure loot. The foregoing are points to the reasonable supposition that the attackers were not bent upon material gain but were out to wreak vengeance. This belief is very firmly held in certain circles, as witness the local police report published yesterday. Further information as to whether the offenders were really former members of the ship's crew or members of the Pakkai branch of the Chinese Seamen's Union will be awaited with interest.

The gallant conduct of the captain and chief engineer in clearing the attackers from the ship after they had shot the chief officer and two of the Indian guards, thus illustrating that they meant business, was such as we have come to expect from members of the Mercantile Marine plying their calling on the China

seas. Their courage and pertinacity in the face of long and dangerous odds will, no doubt, receive due and proper reward. Whether so or not, the story of their heroism has been flashed to the ends of the world and they have the satisfaction of knowing that in the widest sense of the term they did their duty as men.

It is evident, to return to our original point, that if the Pakkai branch of the Chinese Seamen's Union is in any way connected with the outrage aboard the "San Nam Hoi," strong representations should be made to the Chinese authorities. The parent Union has been proscribed in Hong Kong and was frowned upon by the Li Chai-sun regime in Canton before the General temporarily lost power, and the Pakkai branch should be accorded similar treatment. It has long been under suspicion and was thought to be concerned in the recent trouble which led to the dismissal of members of the crews of river steamers calling at the port. The fact that the military at Pakkai are dealing effectively with the attackers—eight have already been executed according to a report received yesterday—is a matter for general satisfaction, but if it is found that the Union was a party to the outrage stern measures, we emphasise, should be taken against it.

Premium Bonds v. Sweeps.

Few can resist the temptation of trying to win a large sum for a trifling outlay. The desire to risk a little in the hope of getting a substantial return is a phase of human nature that can be overlooked and sometimes excused. Most people talk of speculation but not of gambling. Some even argue that a ticket in a cash sweep is an investment, particularly about this time every year, when attention is attracted to the number of sweeps to be drawn on the annual races. In this regard considerable sums of Hong Kong money find their way into sweeps at Shanghai and elsewhere, into Chinese lotteries at Macao, and so on. Then there are also the premium bonds of Shanghai which claim many subscribers in this Colony. That premium bonds have proved highly successful in France, Germany, and in Shanghai, is not disputed. Here little is heard of them. Are we really more virtuous than Shanghai? There is this difference between a premium bond and an ordinary lottery. If one does gamble, it is only with a part of the interest, as each subscriber gets his capital back after a stipulated period, and a little more, if he does not win a prize. If Hong Kong residents are interested in Shanghai premium bonds, they are likely to go in for some promoted here, either by law (for revenue purposes) or by private concern for the purpose of encouraging savings in a stated form.

CHINA NEW YEAR.

Pre-Festive Season
Activities.

FEATURES OF THE BAZAAR.

Legendary Bargains & Tips For The Foreigner.

After a year of bad trade, unsettled conditions and unprecedented upheavals, the Chinese can have little regret for the passing of the "Ting Mau" year of the present cycle.

The weather has not been unfavourable so that the huge army of tradespeople who usually reap a harvest just before New Year ought to do fairly well at least.

Sunday is Chinese New Year Eve when the finishing touches will have been put to an elaborate series of preparations for the auspicious day.

Kitchen Thanksgiving.

Monday heralds in the celebrations proper—extending in Hong Kong for about a week and in some parts of China for half a month. During the last week-end households went through their kitchen thanksgiving services and shopping has now commenced in earnest.

Down at the Bazaar—nobody need be told where it is—stalls are now replete with merchandise ranging from cloth caps (model White-chapel '98), trumpery dolls, peacock feather ornaments, millions of Boston garters (made in Japan) and trillions of factory socks (mostly from Shanghai).

Chrysanthemum and Peony.

Still, beauties of the fair are appreciated by its motley crowd. There are avenues of plants in pots, wonderful chrysanthemums in bloom, orange trees in fruit, including curious malformations due to the misguided ingenuity of the gardener, characteristic examples of stunted trees and shrubs, pretty peonies—to usher in prosperity—and, last but not least, the two specimens of the lucky flowers which grace every table on New Year's Day, these being the "water fairy" and the flowering shrub, the blooms of which resemble an overhanging bell. Most of the flowers and goldfish come from Canton where bad times have had an adverse effect on pre-New Year shopping.

Colours of the Rainbow.

Jervois Street and Bonham Strand are almost impassable to wheeled traffic, so great is the crowd.

In Wellington Street are rows of mushroom printers, each catering to the recent Chinese tendency to adopt Western ideas by making "New Year cards" which are none other than glorified visiting cards decorated with all colours of the rainbow. "Old custom" ordains that greetings be presented with a slip of red paper bearing one's name, but these have given way to the cards described.

Lure of Mystic Bargains.

A mixture of metallic noises goes to maintain the fun of the fair at night, which will be at its climax on Sunday evening. The really earnest bargain hunter will hang back till then after having done a little judicious reconnoitring in the meantime.

Those who live in the hopes that the Chinese vendor will become desperate in the last hour of the old year and will be prepared to accept next to nothing for "cullos" and "big bargain" had better wait till normal times when they should explore the quarter curiously named (by Europeans) Paddy's Market but which in the Japanese language is known as "Dorobomachi," which means "Thieves Street." It is this intriguing place that the tons of curios rise as if from nowhere.

Tightness of Money.

There are, however, an appreciable number of useful, and even valuable, souvenirs, on display.

In the workaday realm, shroffs are doing overtime, Chinese want a clean slate with which to start the New Year and to do this they must pay all debts and collect all amounts owing to them. No surprise will be occasioned should any of the big firms at or near Nam Pak Hong make a compromise to "carry over." No financial bombshell is expected. Money is not tight but the native banks are ultra-cautious.

Font of Beauty.

Timid Hong Kong residents who dislike firecrackers may rest assured that the preliminary bombardment will not start till Sunday. On the afternoon of this day all the womenfolk will have attended to their New Year coiffures—with an ever-increasing proportion of bobs and shingles—the shops to replenishing their signboard adornments, and the lazier menfolk to getting a last shave just before the harbours close.

The maid of the house will have drawn her water from the font of beauty—in this case a praline rider

STOLEN BY POLICE?

EX-PRISONER'S LOSS OF CLOTHING.

INTERPRETER CHARGED.

Mr. Leo d'Almada, Sen., appeared before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy this morning to defend Chiang Shiu-chui, a Sergeant Interpreter employed at the Central Police Station who is charged with the theft of two pieces of clothing belonging to a Chinese who was arrested by the Police on January 5.

Mr. d'Almada applied for a remand and bail.

Mr. P. P. J. Wedhouse, C.I.E., (D.S.P.) who presided, when asked for his views with regard to bail, said the case was a serious one because a Government servant was charged with larceny.

Giving the facts of the case, Mr. Wedhouse said that at 1 a.m. on January 5, a Chinese was brought to the Central Station on some charge into which he need not go. The man brought with him a suitcase containing two pieces of clothing. This suitcase, which was unlocked, was taken possession of by the police and placed under the seal behind the dock in the Charge-room. At 4 p.m., the prisoner was released and went away with his suitcase. He did not examine its contents because he thought it would be all right since it had been in the custody of the police. When he got home he discovered his clothing missing and returned to make a report.

Found in Pawnshop.

Inquiries were made at a likely pawnshop near the Station and a long coat was recovered there. It had been pawned for \$10 by a small boy doing odd jobs at the Station. The boy alleged that the accused gave him the coat to pawn and he handed the money over to the accused. A riding jacket was not recovered.

The hearing of the case was fixed for Thursday afternoon next, bail being fixed at \$500.

A PLAYFUL SLAP.

ACCUSED STUDENT'S VERSION.

MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE.

Lo Chi-hing, a student of St. Paul's College, who is charged with the manslaughter of a fellow student, as the result of a scuffle in the Club Room of the South China Athletic Association, China Building, on Christmas night, gave evidence with regard to the fatal quarrel in Mr. Roger Edward Lindsell's Court at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon.

According to the accused, the deceased (Ho Kyong-hoi) and several other youths were gathered at the Club when he playfully stroked Ho's cheek. Deceased resented this and struck the accused on the chest. The accused retaliated and slapped the deceased on the lower part of the left cheek with the palm of his right hand. The slap was not a very forceful one. The accused slapped the deceased because he thought it was unreasonable for him to be so angry over a joke, and also because if he did not do so, the deceased would have hit him again.

Later the accused went to his grandmother's house to sleep. Next morning the police came and took him to the station. He was at first told that Ho was missing and the police wanted to question him about the lad's whereabouts. Later he was told Ho was dead and was charged with manslaughter. The case was adjourned.

MUSLIM HOSTEL.

A proposition is on foot to erect a Hostel adjacent to the Mosque in Shelley Street for the convenience of Muslim travellers passing through this Colony. The Plan is being prepared by Messrs. Dennison, Ram & Gibbs, Architects. This scheme was the outcome of the suggestion of Inspector Khan Sahib Nawab Khan of the Indian Muslim Society and has the approval of Mr. U. Rumlahn the Chairman of the Hong Kong Islamic Union. Inspector Khan Sahib Nawab Khan was further instrumental in securing funds for the building. The Muslim community is much indebted to him.

BACK TO DUTY.

Sergeant McMahon, who was wounded in the shooting affray between a Police picket and a quartette of Chinese gunmen on the night of December 7 last, reported for duty this morning, and took over duty as assistant Court Sergeant at the Central Magistracy.

main on which restrictions are temporarily lifted—the home will be swept, "glad rags" will be brought out, and Hong Kong will see another China New Year come and go.

Business will be resumed in China town on Thursday.

P'RAPS-P'RAPS NOT!

A Scotsman, not feeling so well as usual, called on his family doctor, who looked him over and gave him some pills to be taken at bedtime. Whisky was also prescribed for his stomach's sake, a small glass to be taken after each meal.

Four days later Sandy again called on the doctor, stating he was feeling no better.

"Have you taken the medicine exactly as I instructed?" the doctor inquired.

"Weel, doctor," replied the patient, "I may be a wee bit behind wi' the pills, but I'm six weeks ahead wi' the whisky."

Two stuttering blacksmiths had finished heating a piece of pig iron, and one placed it upon the anvil with a pair of tongs.

"H-h-h-hit it," he stuttered to his helper.

"Wh-wh-wh-where?" asked the other.

"Aw, h-h-h-h-heck, we'll have to h-h-hent it again now."

"When did the robbery occur?" asked the cross-examining barrister.

"I think—" began the witness.

"We don't care what you think—we want to know what you know," stormed the barrister.

"Well, I may as well get out of the box then," replied the witness.

"I can't talk without thinking; I'm not a lawyer."

A young bachelor who was beset by a sewing machine agent told the latter that his machine would not answer his purpose.

"Why," said the agent with voluble praise, "it is the best on the market in every respect."

"That may be," replied the supposed customer; "but the sewing machine I am looking for must have flaxen hair and blue eyes."

Even an Aberdonian, at home in Aberdeen, is open to take lessons in economy. He gets them thrust upon him, anyway.

"I saw a foreign visitor at breakfast in one of the chief hotels," a correspondent writes.

"When he had finished his breakfast he poured the remaining contents of the coffee-pot and the milk jug into his thermos flask!"

"The waiter watched him with grudging admiration. He hadn't thought of that one."

For the first time in his life Bobby saw a jelly fish.

"Look, mamma," he cried, excitedly. "Look at that funny fish! He's got a flat tyre!"

Two spiders who lived in a church were discussing the housing question.

"I live under the pulpit and get disturbed every Sunday," said one.

"Come with me," said the other. "I live in the poor box and never get disturbed."

Cynic—What do you think of the many arrests for kleptomania that come before the courts?

Philosopher—Most of them are entirely innocent of all intent to do wrong, the trinkets being mechanically dropped into pocket, or satchel, while thinking of something else.

Cynic—All bosh! They are thieves—born thieves; that's my theory, no matter how rich or refined they are.

Philosopher—Possibly. But before we part I will thank you for my penknife, which you borrowed a moment ago to sharpen a pencil. While we were talking you dropped it into your pocket.

"Young gentlemen," said the lecturer in chemistry, "coal exposed to the elements loses ten per cent. of its weight and power. This is due to the action of the alkali constituents of—"

"But what if there is a dog sleeping near the coal, Professor?"

"None of your levity, young man. This is a serious matter."

"That's what I thought when 72 per cent. of your coal pile disappeared during three nights of exposure. Then he asked my advice as a student in chemistry, and I told him to buy a dog. He bought a dog, with large-sized teeth, and now we don't lose 1 per cent. of our coal a month. That's practical chemistry."

At the club the other day, Edwards, who has a deserved reputation for telling anecdotes that have no particular point, was describing an incident that happened in Bervick Market.

"I was standing near a vegetable stall," said he, "when a man came up and addressed the proprietress. 'That a cabbage?' said he.

"That ain't no cabbage," she answered, "that's a lettuce."

"Never seen a lettuce that size," said he.

"Ain't you ever seen an endive?" said she. And the man turned away.

"That was the end of it, I suppose," said young Dabfold.

"Yes," answered Edwards, simply. "Daily Chronicle."

THE INTERPRETER.

PROTEST AGAINST COUNSEL'S REMARKS.

MANSLAUGHTER CASE.

When the schoolboy manslaughter case was resumed before Mr. Roger Edward Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning, his Worship addressed Mr. D. L. Turner, for the defence, with regard to a protest which Mr. Lau Wing-shum, the Court Interpreter, had made to his Worship concerning certain remarks made by Mr. Turner during yesterday afternoon's sitting.

Mr. Lindsell said that Mr. Lau took the view that some of Mr. Turner's comments on the interpretation might lead the public to think that he was biased to some extent in the case.

Mr. Turner assured his Worship that he never intended to convey such an impression. However, he said that he felt strongly on the matter, and on that point he asked his Worship if he had been labouring under that misapprehension.

Mr. Lindsell: Certainly not.

Mr. Turner proceeded to say that the interpreter was entirely wrong in the view he took. In a case of this kind where very serious issues were involved, there was an even stricter duty than usual on Mr. Lau to be careful in his interpretation.

Mr. Lau said that Mr. Turner remarked "The interpreter seems always to convey a different meaning in his interpretation." That, Mr. Lau said, was the allegation which he was complaining of. He felt strongly that Mr. Turner had no right to mention that in Court.

Mr. Turner said that he would simply appeal to his Worship again. Mr. Lindsell, Counsel said, did not labour under the same misapprehension and he felt certain that his Worship would accept this explanation.

Mr. Lindsell: Certainly.

Decision Reserved.

This closed the incident and the case was proceeded with.

Two other witnesses were heard for the defence, after which Mr. Turner addressed his Worship on the evidence on both sides.

Finally Mr. Lindsell reserved his decision as to whether or not the accused should be committed to the Criminal Sessions.

His Worship intimated that he would give his decision at 12.30 to-morrow.

FRACTURED SKULL.

DRIVER'S ACCIDENTAL DEATH.

INQUEST FINDING.

A verdict of "death" by misadventure was yesterday afternoon returned by a Coroner's jury who together with Mr. Roger Edward Lindsell, held an inquiry into the circumstances attending the death of Driver Charles William Begley, of the Royal Army Service Corps, who was killed at Pokfulam on the night of January 13 when a Military motor ambulance which he was driving in the direction of Aberdeen suddenly went out of control whilst going down Dairy Farm Hill and plunged down a high embankment into the grounds of the Dairy Farm. Begley was pinned under the heavy ambulance, and medical evidence was that death was due to a fractured skull. Military evidence was to the effect that the deceased had consumed a quantity of liquor on the evening in question, and it was stated that he had taken the ambulance out with authority. In returning their verdict the jury expressed sympathy with Begley's relatives.

LORD PONTYPRIDD.

PEER'S DEATH RECALLS STRANGE LAW SUIT.

The death occurred at Cardiff, at the age of 87, of Lord Pontypridd. He leaves no heir.

Lord Pontypridd, who had been a merchant, was a former president of the University College of South Wales, was Mayor of Cardiff in 1882, and was president of the Baptist Union of Wales.

He sat in the House of Commons as member for Glamorgan and East from 1885 to 1910, and was chairman of the Welsh members from 1897 to 1910.

He was also the first president of the National Museum of Wales. Lord Pontypridd's death recalls the strange action brought against him in 1908 by his brother, Mr. Joseph William Thomas—who died in 1914—claiming certain money on the ground that he had been subjected to mesmerism and telepathic influence.

The case was withdrawn on his withdrawing these singular allegations. Mr. Justice Joyce, before whom the action came, said that there was no ground for any imputation against Lord Pontypridd (then Sir Alfred Thomas).

LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

THE INDIAN DELEGATION'S REPORT.

'UNUSUALLY INTERESTING.'

New Delhi, Dec. 14.

Unusually interesting is the interim report submitted by the Indian delegation to the eighth Assembly of the League of Nations last September. The report consists of a survey of matters of general interest and a description of those in which the interests of India are affected and of the part played by the delegates of India in the discussions and discusses the future of the League. Numerically the Indian delegation was the same as last year, but had the advantage of including four members, the Maharaja of Kapurthala, Sir C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar, Sir Edward Chamberlain and Sir B. K. Mullick who had had previous experience of the work of the assembly.

Discussing the important question of the position of the Indian delegation vis-a-vis the British Empire, the delegation's report remarks: "Throughout the period of the Assembly we maintained coherence among ourselves by meeting of the delegation and otherwise and co-ordination was effected between the Empire delegations by meetings of leaders and by meetings of delegates who represented the Empire delegations on several committees. It will be obvious that the delegations of the British Empire exercise very great influence on the League so long as they are united and on big political questions in which other groups of powers who are not united by an imperial bond such as ours act in concert it is especially desirable that the British Empire should pursue a single policy."

Difference of Status.

"The Indian delegation is not constitutionally in the same position as those of the Dominions, but we believe that the obligation to make the action of the Indian delegation conform to that of the British delegation is practically confined to those questions on which Empire delegations must of necessity and in fact do act together and that Indian policy is determined on independent lines in those matters in which India really possesses independent interest. Moreover, those problems of a political character in which the attitude of India might be affected by her present constitutional position are predominantly of European character and have little direct interest for India whereas those departments of work of the League in which India has the greatest practical interest are scarcely, if at all, influenced by political and constitutional relations. It follows accordingly that in our view the actual liberty of Indian delegations to follow an independent policy corresponds to the liberty which an Indian delegation would in fact exercise if the constitutional status of India within the Empire were different."

"Forty-nine States were represented out of a total number of 55. The report describing the opening of the sessions states:—"The Assembly opened in an atmosphere of some uncertainty and even depression as to the present position and future outlook of the League. This atmosphere had been precipitated by resignations not long before the date on which the Assembly met of Viscount Cecil and M. De Jouvencel from the British and French delegations respectively. These resignations were taken as indicating a view that the great Powers were showing a tendency to settle problems among themselves without resort to the League and that too uncompromising an attitude was being adopted in regard to the great problem of disarmament by some of those on whose attitude progress mainly depended."

Frankness and Reality.

"The importance of the session was emphasised by the fact that leading statesmen, such as M. Briand and Herr Stresemann who on previous occasions had been content to resign the leadership of their delegations into other hands, remained in Geneva on this occasion until the end of the Assembly. Fundamental questions were examined with an unusual degree of frankness and with a sense of reality. Those who may have thought that the idealism of the League would wither in such an atmosphere appear to have been wrong. The League has, in our view, gained much in strength from the fact that differences were more clearly defined and are now better understood. There is less uncertainty, for instance, as to the sincerity of the British Empire towards the League and as the attitude of the British Empire may be claimed to be the greatest single factor in League politics, a clear appreciation of it is of vital importance."

"At the same time it is clearly realised that the British Empire, in view of its responsibilities and commitments all over the world, cannot at present go beyond a certain point in the policy of al-

GREAT FIRE.

TIENTSIN RAILWAY OFFICES GUTTED.

ENORMOUS DAMAGE.

Tientsin, Yesterday.

The Tientsin-Pukow Railway offices in large old-styled buildings in the Chinese city were gutted this morning. The exact extent of the damage (believed to be enormous) and the cause of the fire cannot be ascertained.—Reuter.

ARAB REVOLT.

SPREADING RAPIDLY IN PERSIA.

STRONG FORCE WANTED.

Basra, Yesterday.

The Khuzistan revolt is spreading rapidly along the Persian border in the vicinity of Shattalrab. The Persian officials at Ahwaz and Mohammerah are unable to deal with the situation and it is believed they have requested a strong force from Teheran.—Reuter.

ISLAND TRAGEDY.

LIVES LOST IN VILA EXPLOSION.

Suva (Fiji), Yesterday.

Ten people were killed and 56 injured in a fire explosion in French-owned stores at Vila, New Hebrides. Damage is estimated at £200,000. The dead comprise six French, one British and three Asiatics, and the injured 11 French and 45 natives.—Reuter.

WHITE SLAVERY.

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The white slave traffic is no longer ignored by the Press as a subject too delicate to touch upon, and for that reason it is more likely to disappear in the course of time. The League of Nations is doing magnificent work in this direction.

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"International action has helped to diminish the traffic, though it is still extensive. The traffic obeys the law of supply and demand. Differences of national psychology and ethics explain some part of the demand, but not all. Demand arises or can be stimulated wherever tourists, or troops, or sailors congregate with money to spend, and the organisers of the trade watch their market carefully."

Men of Capital.

"There is a division of function among the traffickers. The 'principals,' who are men of 'capital,' buy the brothels, which are managed by madams, and are served by prostitutes. There are also various intermediaries, who see that the traffic does not die out. The chief traffickers know each other, and some act as bankers for the others. Such is the picture presented by the League's report, which is the result of the most complete inquiry that has ever been conducted into the subject."

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"THE 13TH JUROR."

GRIPPING MYSTERY FILM AT THE QUEEN'S.

"The 13th Juror," the photograph now being shown at the Queen's Theatre, is drawing full "houses," and deservedly so. It is a mystery story of a very high order and is based on the American stage success, "The Counsel for the Defence," Anna Q. Nilsson and Francis X. Bushman taking the leading roles, the latter as a successful criminal lawyer. The story is full of suspense and superb acting and the play is a well-drawn one. Among much mystery that is put on the screen "The 13th Juror" stands out as a production really worthy of the much-used term "super-film."

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Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

To-day—Queen's Theatre: "The 13th Juror."

To-day—World's Theatre: "The Desert's Toll."

To-day—Star Theatre: "The Gay Deceiver."

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January 21—Hong Kong Hotel: Chinese New Year's Eve Carnival.

January 22-24—Queen's Theatre: "Out All Night."

January 22—World Theatre: "The Bat."

January 22-23—Star Theatre: "The Winning of Barbara Worth."

January 23—World Theatre: "The Bat," 5.15 and 9.15; "The True Love," Chinese Drama, 12.20 and 7.15.

January 24—Cheer O' Y.M.C.A.: Sing Song, 7.30 p.m.

January 24-25—World Theatre: "Volcano," 5.15 and 9.15; "The True Love," Chinese Drama, 12.20 and 7.15.

January 24-25—Star Theatre: "Fine Manners."

January 25—Cheer O' Y.M.C.A.: Whist Drive, 7.30 p.m.

January 25—Queen's Theatre: "We're In The Navy Now."

January 26—Musical at Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

January 26—Cheer O' Y.M.C.A.: Impromptu Dance, 7.30 p.m.

January 26-28—World Theatre: "The Gold Rush."

January 26-28—Queen's Theatre: "The College."

January 26-28—Star Theatre: "The Wedding Song."

January 27—Cheer O' Y.M.C.A.: Concert and Dance, 7.30 p.m.

January 28—Cheer O' Y.M.C.A.: Impromptu Concert, 7.30 p.m.

January 29—Queen's Theatre: "The Irresistible Lover."

January 29—Cheer O' Y.M.C.A.: Musical Evening, 7.30 p.m.

January 29-30—Star Theatre: "The Desert's Toll."

January 30-February 4—Queen's Theatre: "Ben Hur."

January 31-February 1—Star Theatre: "The Taxi Dancer."

February 25—Craigengower Cricket Club's annual Bachelors' Dance.

Sports.

January 21—China New Year meeting (Fanling Hunt), Kwanti Race Course.

January 28—American lawn tennis tourney (mixed doubles) for members of the Ladies' Recreation Club at L.R.C.

Land Sale.

January 25—Sale by Public Auction of Crown Land at New Kowloon, P.W.D. Offices, 3 p.m.

Meetings.

January 25—General meeting of Hong Kong Philharmonic Society, Cathedral Hall, 5.30 p.m.

Miscellaneous.

January 22—Opening date of Photographic & Art Exhibition at Macao.

January 24—Annual ceremony at the H.K. Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, 3 p.m.

January 25—Hong Kong St. Andrew's Society hold annual Burns Dinner.

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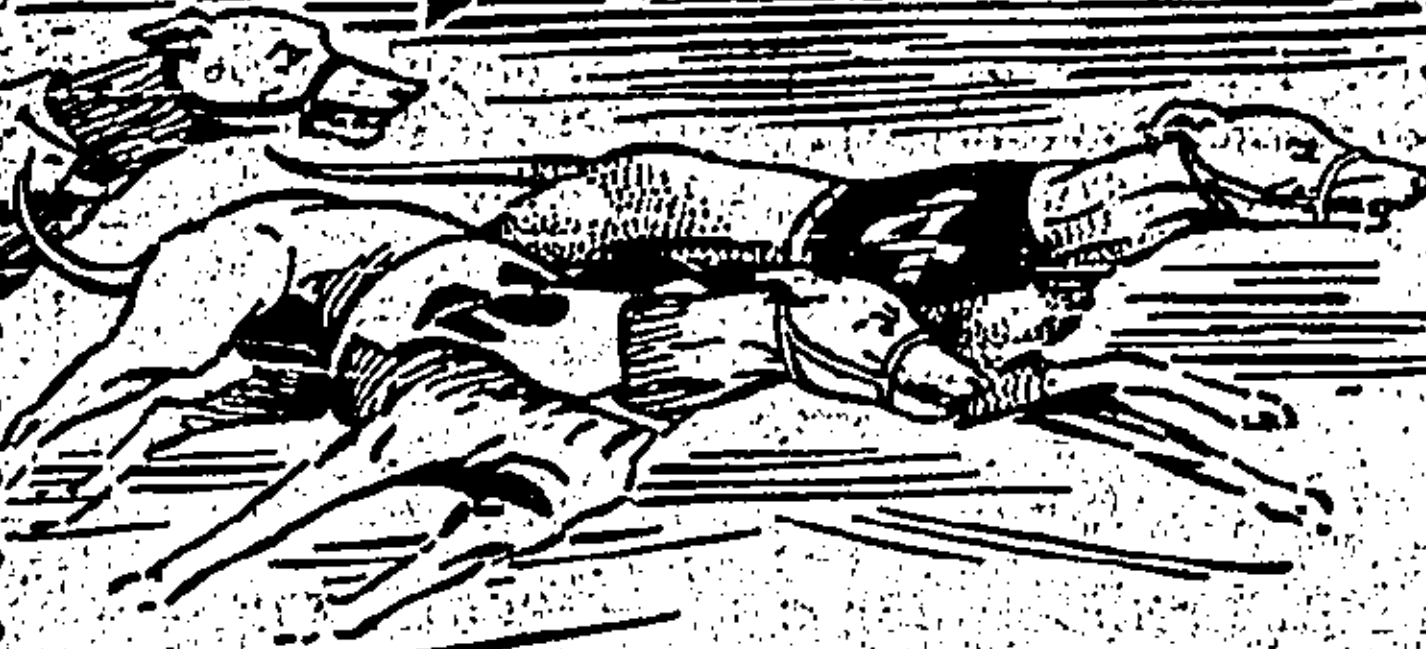
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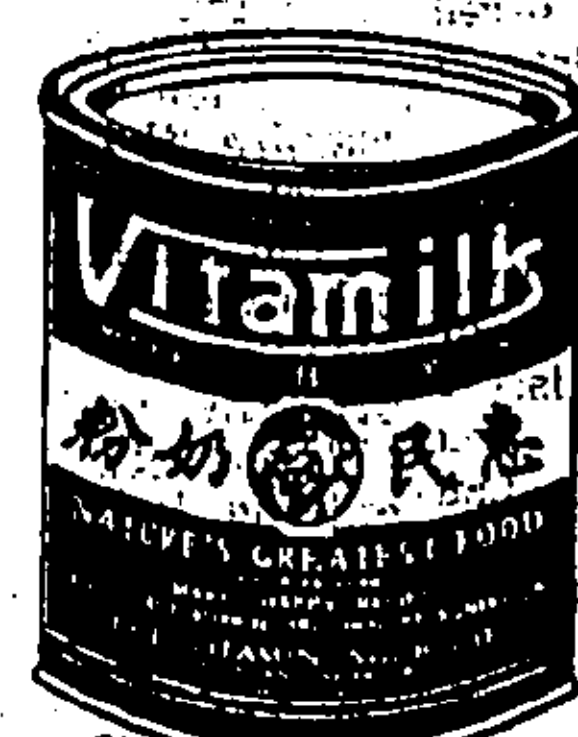
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ers and conductors.The report that Miss Betty Bal-
four, the film actress, who is stay-
ing at Cannes, is ill is not correct.
She is in excellent health.An eleven-years-old girl found
the body of her mother, Mrs. Speed,
aged about 40, of Wrexham Road
Farm, near Chester, lying in a
ditch.Messrs. Minchin Bros., of Ascot,
at the Bracknell Christmas Fat
Stock Show, Berkshire, gained the
prize for the best fat calf for the
25th time.Viscount Maidstone, Viscount
Elveden, Viscount Milton, and Earl
Percy were among 200 boys con-
firmed by the Bishop of Oxford in
Edin College chapel.The Prince of Wales is to attend
the annual Shrove-tide football
match at Ashbourne, Derbyshire,
on February 21, after which he
will inspect workshops at Derby.The Duchess of York, Colonel-in-
Chief of the King's Own Yorkshire
Light Infantry, was to pay her first
official visit in mail coach to the
regiment at Blackdown, Hamp-
shire.The new granite pedestal for the
Shanghai Sir Robert Hart memorial
on the Bund opposite the Customs
Building, has been completed, a
Public Works Department report
states.Large quantities of silk pyjamas,
socks, dressing gowns, shirts, and
ties were taken by burglars who
ransacked the shop of Messrs.
Colletts, Limited, hosiers, Jermyn
Street, S.W.Achibald Whitehead, aged 65, of
The Avenue, Bruce-grove, Totten-
ham, N.W., was removed to
the North Middlesex Hospital,
where three bullets were extracted
from his head.Harold A. LaFont, of Utah, new
member of the Federal Radio Com-
mission, succeeding the late John
F. Dillon.Members of the West Somerset
Hunt made a collection for the
guard and the engine driver of a
train that was pulled up between
Crowcombe and Bishop's Lydeard
in time to avoid injuring hounds on
the line.An agreement for the construc-
tion of a sugar factory at Brigg,
Lincolnshire, has been signed at the
head office of Sugar Industries
Auxiliaries, Ltd., London, with the
firm of engineers who have secured
the contract.Mrs. Lucy Mason Giles, aged 27,
of Government-buildings, Camp
Road, Farnborough, Hampshire, is
to be charged at Farnborough in
connection with the death of her
five-month-old daughter, Una, who
was found dead from injuries to
the head.The Athens authorities have de-
cided on a stern repression of Com-
munism in Greece, a number of ar-
rests have been made, and the
Public Prosecutor has asked sanc-
tion for the prosecution of all the
Communist deputies on charges of
high treason.Harold Vincent, aged 36, an ex-
convict, who had paraded of man-
niquins at eight West End shops
and gave orders for goods to the
value of \$4,000 for which he did
not pay, was sentenced at Marl-
borough Street to 11 months' hard
labour for theft and obtaining
money by false pretences.Detective Inspector Lane and a
party of police raided the third
floor of No. 8, Victoria Street, said
to be the headquarters of a triad
society, and there arrested 15
Chinese. The men were produced
before Major G. Wilkes at the
Central Magistrate's yesterday
afternoon charged with being mem-
bers of an unlawful society, pos-
session of documents pertaining to
a triad society, and assembling
at night for an unlawful purpose.
The case was adjourned until
Wednesday next.A tramp in Peterborough work-
house has been found to be suffer-
ing from smallpox.The portrait by Tintoretto of "A
Gentleman as David," realised
£2,025 at Messrs. Christie's.A late 16th-century French bind-
ing of red morocco containing a
Latin psalter realised \$790 at
Messrs. Sotheby's.Mr. Li Ching-wol, the new
Superintendent of the Shanghai
Customs, has assumed office, the
Chinese newspapers report.Mr. D. Hillary has relieved
Mr. E. Cheers as Assistant Com-
missioner of Police, Central Kedah.
Mr. Cheers has gone on leave.Miss Fannie Gidelman, 70
years old, the oldest official U.S.
Government building guide, who
has led thousands of sightseers
through the Bureau of Engraving
and Printing, who declare that
sightseers are for the most
part glibulous individuals, who
specialize in foolish questions
and see the sights just to say
they have seen them. She has
been at the bureau for 38 years
and still wears the first badge,
number one, issued to official
guides. She has guided the prin-
cipal people through the bureau,
including King Albert of Bel-
gium.Old English and French furni-
ture and tapestry realised \$14,525
at Messrs. Christie's a Sheraton
satinwood cabinet fetching \$892
10s.Mr. L. T. Kenake, Assistant
Clerk of the American Court for
China, who was seriously ill for
some time, is again back on the job
but has not fully recovered from
his illness.John William Hammond, aged 60,
a head postman with 36 years ser-
vice, living at St. John's Wood
Terrace, St. John's Wood, was re-
manded on bail at Marylebone
charged with stealing a letter con-
taining 10s.Cinema-goers should note that
the movie programme in the Star
Theatre ends at 8.30 to-night and
to-morrow night, the Globe Trot-
ters presenting their revue
"Incidents" at 9.15. The chief
picture in the movie programme is
"The Gay Deceiver," with Lew
Cody in the title role.Mrs. Sema Bellios, of King
Edward Hotel, Victoria, Hong
Kong formerly of Calcutta, left
property in England valued at
£945. She gave 1,000 rupees to the
Margan David Synagogue, Cal-
cutta, and 25,000 rupees to the
Talmud Torah (Teaching Houses)
for housing, clothing, and educa-
tion poor Jewish children in Vic-
toria, Hong Kong. The residue
of the property goes for the poor
and needy and infirm.When charged before Mr. W.
Schofield at the Kowloon Magis-
trate's yesterday with the em-
bezzlement of \$4,920, the Chinese
manager of the Fuk Kee firm of
contractors, admitted taking only
\$2,820. The balance, he claimed,
belonged to his dead father who
was connected with the firm. In
view of the possibility that there
might be some confusion in the
accused's mind with regard to the
\$2,000, the prosecution decided to
accept his admission of mis-
appropriation of \$2,820. The
Magistrate passed sentence of four
months' jail.Passengers for Hong Kong on
the "Empress of Canada," which
arrived yesterday were:—Major and Mrs. Max C. Fleisch-
mann, of Santa Barbara. The
former is chairman of the board of
the Fleischmann Company on a
visit to the Orient and return.
Mr. John Arnold, of Hong Kong,
the Secretary of the Hong Kong,
Canton and Macao Steamboat Com-
pany, returning from vacation in
England and Canada. Mr. and
Mrs. P. Bell and daughter, who are
prominent Victoria residents on a
trip to India. Mr. and Mrs. L. E.
Gowen, of Seattle, an architect on
a tour of the Far East. Dr. G. W.
Leavell, a prominent Canton
physician, returning from vacation
in the United States. Mr. and
Mrs. F. C. Hall, of the Canton
Insurance Co., Hong Kong. Mr.
F. W. P. Zwagers, of Shanghai, the
agent of the Java-China and Japan
Line. Col. W. F. Gordon, Com-
mandant of the Shanghai Volunteer
Corps. Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Botelho,
of Botelho Bros., Shanghai.Sarah Elston, aged 69, a widow,
died in St. Mary's Church, Whitte-
sey, nr. Peterborough, during a
service.Captain John Harold Mander,
Chief Constable of Norfolk since
1915, died at Norwich from heart
trouble, aged 58.Mr. John Lort-Williams has been
appointed Pensions Judge of the Cal-
cutta High Court in succession to
Sir William Ewart Greaves.Miss Gertrude Lawrence will ap-
pear this month in a Sunday per-
formance of "Ice-bound," a
"straight" play by Mr. Owen Davis.Princess Mary, Colonel-in-Chief
of the Royal Scots, unveiled a war
memorial in the new Presbyterian
Garrison Church of St. Andrew's,
Aldershot.Lady Maud Hoare, wife of Sir
Samuel Hoare, Minister for Air,
opened Forester's drive, a new road
costing £50,000, near Croydon aero-
drome recently.The mazer bowl, dating from
about 1525, of the parish church of
Epworth, Lincolnshire, the home of
the Wesley's, has been acquired by
the British Museum.Canon Thomas Carey, rector of
the Church of Our Lady of Victo-
ries, Kensington High Street, died
in St. John and St. Elizabeth's Hos-
pital, Grove End Road, N.W.Mr. C. F. W. Russell, lately Envoy
Extraordinary and Minister Plen-
ipotentiary in Abyssinia, has been
appointed Envoy Extraordinary
and Minister Plenipotentiary to
Switzerland.At a meeting of the Thanet So-
cialist Party at Margate, Councillor
Edgar Plaisted, a miner, of Blaen-
avon, Monmouthshire, was adopted
as Socialist candidate at the next
general election.Mr. Armstrong, organist of St.
Peter's, Eaton Square, S.W., has
been appointed organist at Exeter
Cathedral, in succession to Dr.
Bullock, who is succeeding Dr.
Nicholson at Westminster Abbey.Ahmed Munkhtar Bey, new Am-
bassador from Turkey to the United
States.The first performance in English
in England of "Uric Acosta,"
adapted by Mr. Bertram Jacobs
from the historical play of that
name, was given at the Garrick
Theatre by the Jewish Drama
League.Station-Sergeant Anthony O'Sul-
livan, aged 39, Brighton Police Sta-
tion, has died after being knocked
down by a motor car while on
patrol duty at the junction of
Stockwell Park Road and Clapham
Road, S.W.Mr. Edward James Veal, aged 82,
of Seward Terrace, Wrixlington,
Somerset, and his wife, Mrs. Mary
Rachel Veal, aged 83, who celebrat-
ed their diamond wedding last
March, both died within a few
hours of one another.Brigadier-General Sir W. T. F.
Horwood, Commissioner of Police,
and more than 350 Roman Catholic
members of the Metropolitan and
City Police attended a Solemn
Requiem Mass in Westminster
Cathedral for members of the
Catholic Police Guild who fell in
the war.Hartar Singh, S.M.P., attached to
the Amoy Road Jail appeared on
remand in H.M. Police Court before
the Registrar, Mr. I. T. Morris,
charged with a breach of the King's
Regulations. Mr. E. T. Maitland
prosecuted on behalf of the S. M.
Police and after evidence had been
given regarding the accused's de-
rivation from duty, the Registrar
sentenced him to one month's im-
prisonment.It was reported to Bubbling Well
Police station that the body of a
murdered man had been found on
Great Western Road. Detectives,
commanded by Det. Sub-Insp.
Henry, investigated and ascertain-
ed that he, a well-dressed Chinese,
had been shot, the spent cartridge
being near by. Although the man
has not been identified, the police
have concluded that he is the vic-
tim of the notorious gang of Shao-
ling kidnappers, who, their de-
mand for ransom being unheeded,
decided to do away with him.**GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LTD.****BEST PORTLAND CEMENT****SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,**

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vivid description of the battle that was waged on deck be-
tween the gallant skipper and himself on one side and thirty
or more pirates, all armed, on the other, and he tells how,
after a stubborn fight, the invaders were driven off, some
being killed and others captured. A few escaped by jumping
overboard. The Chief Officer of the ship, Mr. Conway, and
two Indian guards were shot dead. A special report appears
in the "Overland" describing in the words of the quartermaster
how the Chief Officer met his death.In regard to matters Chinese, comparative peace reigns
at Canton. The administrators of the Kwangsi faction, headed
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SATURDAY SOCCER.

Scotland Preparing For International.

RESTRICTED LEAGUE PROGRAMME.

Many Interesting Junior Games.

With the Hong Kong Interport XI and Reserves at Shanghai, also the Chinese Athletic and their Reserves, Hong Kong League Football over the Chinese New Year is restricted. There are, however, several interesting games, the official card for Saturday being as follows:—

Hong Kong League Division I, kick off 4.00 p.m.
K.O.S.B. Regt. v. R.A. at Sookumpoo.
Queen's Regt. v. R.A.F. at Chatham Road, Kowloon.
Hong Kong Club v. South China, Club Ground, Valley.
Hong Kong League Junior "A" Division, kick off 2.30 p.m.
Recreio v. R.A. King's Park, Kowloon.
Hong Kong Club Res. v. K.O.S.B. Res., Sookumpoo.
University v. St. Joseph's, South China Ground, Valley.
Chinese Athletic v. Kowloon, Club Ground, Valley.
Hong Kong League Junior "B" Division.
South China "B" v. Kowloon, South China Ground, kick off 4.00 p.m.
South China "A" v. Kung Woo, St. Joseph's Ground, kick off 2.30 p.m.
Chinese Athletic v. Moslems, St. Joseph's Ground, kick off 4.00 p.m.
Friendly Match.
Kowloon v. H.M.S. "Titania" at Kowloon A.F.C., kick off 4.00 p.m.
Four good Senior matches are provided three Leagues, and one good Friendly, two at Hong Kong and two at Kowloon, while the Junior programme is as interesting as ever.

"ROVER'S" NOTES.

The meeting of the K.O.S.B. Regt. with R.A. should be interesting, for although the Padre is away, at Shanghai, his namesake in the same position is a worthy substitute, and the Borderers can be considered at full strength. The R.C.A. will probably have on view several new men whose performances will be watched with interest. The game should be a good one with a close result.

The Hong Kong Club, without McBride (at Shanghai), and possibly Taylor at outside right, will field a good side and the right Simpson are on their usual form should secure a couple of points. Their rivals, South China, are worthy opponents and have a good sporting record, and will be supported with a large following. The Club will probably give a trial to a new centre forward, and with practically a full defence should put up a good game and secure the points. They will need to take their chances, as South China are a capable side and have a habit of springing a surprise when least expected.

At Kowloon the Queen's Regt. will entertain the Royal Air Force, who since their surprising defeat by Chinese Athletic have had a quiet time. The R.A.F. are a capable side, as also are the Queen's, and a rare good struggle should result. A lot will depend upon which team can best adapt themselves to the vagaries of the Chatham Road ground; in any event this should be a good game and attract a large crowd. Both teams have done well on this ground and the result is a very open one with the Queen's slightly favoured.

Kowloon are engaged with a "Titania" XI in a friendly and are still experimenting forward, where improvement is needed. The progress of the Peninsular side is slow but steady and I think they will finish the season going strong.

The Junior Programme is very interesting. The Club Reserves hope to field a strong side against the K.O.S.B. Reserves but the latter should win at Sookumpoo, which ground appears to suit the military side, whilst the Recreio Reserves and R.S.A. game at King's Park should be a very close affair, Kowloon Reserves are fielding a good side against the Athletic Reserves on the Club Ground and should render a good account of themselves. The University and St. Joseph's should be a fine game with St. Joseph's holding a strong chance. The Junior "B" Division games should result in wins for the three Chinese Clubs but there should not be much in any of the three games.

With the Interport team at Shanghai, interest in local football is rather subdued, but a movement is on foot to play a practice match between a Scotland XI and the Royal Navy to allow the Scottish player who are possible starters to obtain a little combined practice. The match will probably be arranged some time next week on the Club ground, and a strong Naval XI should fully extend the Scottish aspirants to places in the Hong Kong International Scottish side, and also produce a fine game. Capt. Jimmy Stewart is not leaving anything to chance, and only hopes that the Scottish team he has in mind will be all available on the big day, when if they play up to the standard expected China will require to draw out its very best to secure the "Sunday Herald" Cup on February 25 next. It is hoped the Practice match will take place, as with Alexander, McBride, and McEwen gaining experience at Shanghai three possibilities at least will be allowed a trial in the Practice match, should the Club centre half get supported by acceptances from the men who are fancied for Scotland, mainly Service players.

HORNELL CUP.

WON BY H. K. ELECTRIC COMPANY.

THREE TEAMS.

The Hong Kong Electric Company (Kowloon Station) rowing four won the Hornell Cup race yesterday over a mile course. Three crews entered as follows:—
H.K. Electric: Bow—Smith; 2—Arnold; 3—Fadgett; str.—Thompson; cox—Normington.
B. & S.: Bow—Middleton; 2—Carter; 3—Moore; str.—Crawford; cox—Mackay.
A.P.C.: Bow—May; 2—Lyon; 3—Duncan; str.—Jack; cox—Young.

HIT OVER EYE.

MISHAP TO "SQUASH" PLAYER.

AMATEUR TOURNEY.

An accident marred the second round match in the Amateur Squash Racquets Championship at the Bath Club between the American, R. S. Wright, and F. M. Strawson, who, in consequence of a disabled right arm, has taught himself to play left-handed very efficiently.

Wright is a slow starter, but won the first game comfortably at 3-5. He was at 2-1 in the second when he was hit just above the eye by Strawson's racket. He was obviously dazed and could win only one more point in this game. He left the court, and on returning lost the third game to love.

He then played for safety on Strawson's backhand and took the next two games and the match, but his chances of winning the championship should not be judged on this form. He now has to meet a very strong player in R. G. de Quetteville whom he narrowly defeated at the Conservative Club, and if he survives this encounter his path to the final should be assured.

Youngest Player.

The success of Captain "Timmy" Roberts over such a good player as Harry Coverdale, the old English Rugby international, pleased everybody.

Particular interest attached to the meeting of C. J. Wilson, the youngest player in the competition, and Sir John Page Wood, for Wilson is regarded as a champion of the distant future. He started badly and was soon two games in arrears, but he then found his form and pulled an apparently lost match out of the fire.

After winning the first two games very easily against G. H. M. Cartwright, G. N. Scott-Chad, the Army champion, played poor "squash." He however, pulled himself together in the last game and won the match.

The Cazale brothers—Captain V. A. and P. V. F.—gained very easy wins. Peter Cazale meets the veteran, W. F. Bassett, in the next round to-day, and this should be a great match. Captain Cazale plays young Wilson, and his greater experience and his wonderful retrieving powers should pull him through.

Cecil Browning, after being hard pressed in the first game, played delightful "squash" to rout E. Snell in the next two.

LAWN TENNIS.

AMERICA WITHOUT TILDEN.

Early last month W. T. Tilden stated definitely that whether America enters the American or the European zone of the Davis lawn tennis cup competition, he would play in the French championships, which begin on May 21 and at Wimbledon.

Since then America has decided to play in the American zone, so that if Tilden adheres to his plans the U.S. will be without his services until the final between the winner of the American zone (presumably U.S.) and the European zone, which will be played in France immediately after Wimbledon.

A Cool Request.

J. O. Anderson, the well-known Australian Davis Cup player, has applied to the New South Wales Tennis Association for reinstatement as an amateur. He expresses the opinion that he will be able to render greater service to Australian tennis as an amateur than as a professional. In his application he mentions that he has entered into a ten years' contract for his name to appear on tennis rackets, and he does not wish this arrangement to be disturbed. The application has been referred to the Australian Tennis Association—British United Press.

FRENCH LAWN TENNIS TOUR.

The French lawn tennis team, composed of J. Borotra, J. Brugnon, and C. Boussus, which has been touring in South America, has concluded its visit to Brazil, says Reuter, and has left for the United States.

The French players won all their matches against well-known Brazilian players except one, Boussus having been defeated by Ricardo at Pernambuco by 7-5, 6-9.

A GREAT RUNNER.

A. F. NEWTON AND 100 MILES RECORD.

SHORT AND WIRY.

Arthur F. Newton, the great long distance runner has arrived in London from South Africa. He will attempt to break the 100-miles world's record of 14hr. 45min., which he set up himself on July 11 last.

Newton reminds one strongly in build and style of Alfred Shrubbs. He is short and wiry with a perfect body balance. His wonderful successes in long distance running have been due very largely to his quality of muscle and his breathing—which have been remarked by every medical man who has seen him.

He is not a theorist in the matter of dieting. "I eat what I like and what I find suits my general health," he said in reply to a question.



Dr. Martin Brustman, former German champion sprinter, who with Dr. Otto Peltzer, present champion, is on a world hike.

On the boat coming over he has been keeping fit by running twenty miles on the decks almost every day. He had to get up at 2.30 a.m. to do this, and he wore rubber shoes as not to disturb the other passengers. When he broke the London-Brighton record in 1924 he ran in ordinary tennis shoes.

Newton is English born, and he went to school at Bedford. He did not take up distance running seriously until 1920—and he was then in his 37th year. He went to South Africa to farm twenty-five years ago, and when he lost one farm owing to the extension of the native bounds, he made the journey from Natal to Rhodesia, between 800 and 900 miles, on foot.

As there are no 100-mile races in this country, Newton will make his attempt, probably on the Bath Road, with a team of six running in relays.

GUTTER PEARLS.

A KERBSIDE HAWK'S ELOQUENCE.

He was a youngish man, sharp of feature, sharp of eye, and sharper still of wit. He stood in a smart suit—at the kerbside in St. Paul's Churchyard and sold pearls very speedily and very eloquently.

His customers were for the most part girls from the neighbouring shops and offices, for it was the luncheon hour.

And he harangued them in a style so fluent and picturesque that even strong-willed business men stopped to listen—and buy.

What he had to say he said all in one breath, as it were, and in a sort of fever of inspiration. These pearls (said he) are not pearls of great price, but let me tell you that they are of far greater price than I ask for them.

Gaze upon them; mark the exquisite design in which they are set—the sweet design of the loveliest. Though I sell them from the gutter they are fit to grace the neck of a queen.

Look at them! Feel them! Don't they thrill you? And what is my price for this very latest thing in the adornment of women? Merely one shilling!

How can I do it? Ah, I will tell you. This is my secret: I live only for money, and to get money quickly I am content to make a quick turnover. One shilling! Why, if I charged my own father a pound apiece for them I would not be robbing him! So come along. Make an early application, and I will endeavour to supply you.

Surely you don't need the brains of a Lloyd George to be able to understand what an amazing, an unheard of, and unrepeatable bargain I am offering you this moment? Thank you, miss. And the next!

The skippers of the trawlers "Sealcoats" and "Stoneferry" belonging to the City Steam Fishing Co., Ltd., Hull, and the "Sea Monarch," owned by Messrs. T. Hamling and Co., Ltd., Hull, have been fined £800 each for alleged breaches of Icelandic fishing regulations.

BOGUS SOLICITOR.

"ARISTOCRAT" OF THE UNDERWORLD.

TO PRISON AGAIN.

By sentencing a man who calls himself James Montgomery, a bogus solicitor, aged 77, to 12 months' hard labour at the Old Bailey, the Common Sergeant, Sir Henry Dickens, K.C., has rid society for a time of a leader of the gang of share-pushing pests who, in association with the notorious Jacob Factor, have for several years been defrauding people all over Great Britain.

In the financial underworld of London Montgomery is known as "The Aristocrat." Immaculately attired, he sat in the dock during the five days of his trial completely composed, and every few minutes removed his gold-rimmed pince-nez and combed his silver hair with the glasses.

When the jury returned a verdict of Guilty against him on a charge of fraudulent conversion, he extended his pince-nez towards them and murmured "Asses!" Another man who was charged with him made a remark to him in the dock, and whispering "I prefer not to talk to you," Montgomery waved away the man—who was acquitted—with a gesture of haughty contempt.

Montgomery first became known to the police 50 years ago, when he called himself John Seale. The authorities have never been able definitely to ascertain his real name, but they know that he is a member of the distinguished Scottish family of Grahame and has had a public school and university education.

Under various names he has served eight sentences of imprisonment, including two of seven years' penal servitude, and on all occasions his appearance altered completely soon after he had served the sentence.

The photographs of him at Scotland Yard show him sometimes clean-shaven, on other occasions with a wealth of grey side-whiskers and beard, and at other times with a magnificent silver moustache.

Bogus Lawyer.

Throughout his 50 years of crime Montgomery has invariably posed as a solicitor, and for this deception he has twice been convicted. Part of his schemes has always been to attach himself to a legal firm, and so cleverly has he used the connections thus formed for his own benefit that in every case the principal of the firm has been struck off the roll when the enterprising engineer by Montgomery came to light.

For some time early this century Montgomery was employed by a solicitor named Robert Mason, and when Mason was struck off, Montgomery began to use the name Mason, and as a member of what he styled the firm of Mason, Son, and Mason, of Great Tower Street, he was convicted several times.

Other legal firms' names he has used are Robert Turnbull, F. Clark and Son, and Messrs. Hodgkinson, but the first occasion on which he blossomed out in connection with company share transfer work was 16 years ago, when from offices in Chancery Lane he issued letters and statements as secretary of the British Industrial and Investors' Association.

It was stated by the police that Montgomery had refused to give information regarding his activities since he last left prison in 1923. The files at Somerset House reveal, however, that during that period he has been controlling two companies, British Estates and Co., Ltd., and A. A. Lucas and Co., Ltd. The present condition of British Estates was referred to in court, and at 45, Chancery Lane, E.C., a "Daily Mail" reporter found that the registered office of the company was described on a door as being in the premises of W. Drake and Co.

At Somerset House the directors of the company are shown to be Montgomery, Millicent Montgomery, and William Drake. In the "London Gazette" of September 23 last it was intimated that William Drake, who was a witness at the trial of 45, Chancery Lane, and Ilford, Essex, had been struck off the roll of solicitors.



Senator-elect William S. Vare, Republican, boss of Pennsylvania, who is fighting for his seat at Washington.

BURIED HISTORY.

LONDON'S UNDERGROUND PILES.

LOST FOR EVER.

The great building operations going on at present throughout London, but especially in the City, have produced a situation which is not generally appreciated.

Archaeology in the City of London is having its last chance. Or, as archaeologists themselves prefer to put it, the very last chance for gaining information about the first days of London is passing away without even being seized.

The reason of this lies in the character of the test building methods. Previous generations of builders built in greater or in lesser part upon the foundations of those who came before them. But the foundations of the buildings now being raised are going down far deeper, not on the debris of previous generations, but right through every layer of soil. The buildings will rest upon virgin depths which have never borne the weight of man's handiwork before.

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At the New Bank.

For example, as the three great underground floors of the new Bank of England are being created, the soil, said a prominent archaeologist in a conversation recently, is being carted away. It would be a useful and worthy act if, both there and wherever operations are being carried out in the City, someone with archaeological training, were posted by the City.



Princess Elizabeth de Ligne, daughter of Prince Albert de Ligne, new Belgian Ambassador to the United States.

authorities to observe the soil ere it was displaced for the last time. There would be no question of interfering with the excavations. A competent man could sit at the edge of the pit or find an unobtrusive corner within it and just make notes of what he saw. If anything were found it could be shown to him.

However, it is not upon such chance finds that stress is laid. Archaeologists have changed. Treasure-trove means less to them now than the gathering of historic information, which by their training they are able to deduce from looking at sections of soil, or making comparison between strata.

For instance, archaeologists, watching the Bank of England work, have noted that the earliest piles supporting buildings in this area were held up by Roman debris. From this it can be deduced that there was not here, as supposed, a Celtic village.

Every age leaves a layer of debris behind it, and if there had been an earlier village it is reasonable to assume its debris would have supported the piles.

The modern concrete piles under the Bank but carry on an ancient tradition and necessity. Owing to the infiltration of water from the Wall Brook successive races have been obliged to build upon piles. The Soames building, now being destroyed, was raised on piles like its predecessor, and so it goes back through history. There has been a perfect forest of piles beneath the Bank's site, and the same thing is, it would seem, true of the Mansion House.

The funeral of Lieut.-General Sir Arthur Holland, formerly Commandant of the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich, took place at Shooter's Hill Cemetery, S.E., three Flanders poppies being dropped on to the coffin after it had been lowered into the grave.

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HOLLYWOOD'S RIVAL.

SIDELIGHTS ON MODERN FILM PRODUCTION.

ACTIVITY AT ELSTREE.

While the House of Commons is debating a Bill to give British films a chance on British screens, down in the quiet old-time hamlet of Elstree, half an hour's ride out of the hubbub of London, they are working overtime producing British films to justify the protective legislation.

Elstree is a wonderful place. Elstree is Britain's Hollywood, and Hollywood may well have fears of serious rivalry, for good things are coming out of Elstree.

I paid a visit to this studio at the invitation of British International Pictures (writes a correspondent of the "Weekly Scotsman"), and I found three films being made—three films in one building—and when these films are seen on the screen they will present a little bit of London, a fragrant whiff of Devonshire, and some of the exotic lure of Paris.

Mr. E. A. Dupont, a German producer, is busy making "Moulin Rouge"; Mr. Alfred Hitchcock, "The Farmer's Wife"; and Mr. Sydney Chaplin, Charlie's brother, "A Little Bit of Fluff," with Betty Balfour.

For "The Farmer's Wife" a farmhouse has been erected in the studio complete except for the roof. Inside everything is homely and exact. The kitchen has real flagstones for the floor, real antique furniture, a real fire burns on a stone hearth, and the table is set with real food; next door is a real byre with real cows, and it would be difficult to believe that the actors and actresses had not strayed out of real Devonshire.

Young Producer.

They were filming the farewell to the honeymoon couple when I came across this set. Following the producer's "Ready!" a whistle blew and a country company stood on the doorstep of the farmhouse. With the whistle a studio "hand" cranked up an aeroplane propeller, which made the flowers and the grass and things wave about naturally before a Devonshire breeze, and the camera started clicking.

"Now cheer!" said Mr. Hitchcock, and the company waved their hands to an imaginary departing company and cheered. "Eyes to the ground, Mr. Thomas, please. Right. Go back slowly. A half-wave when you get to the top step." This little scene which will take half a minute on the screen took half an hour to film.

Six times the company came out, waved their hands and went in again, but Mr. Hitchcock, the producing genius, was never satisfied. Mr. Hitchcock himself has had as romantic a career as any of the romantic careers made in Hollywood. He was earning 15s. a week as a clerk eight years ago. Recently he signed a contract to continue making films at Elstree for £17,000 a year. He is only 28, and at that comparatively young age he is one of the foremost producers of films. He is one of the "Intellectuals," and made his name with "The Lodger" and "The Ring."

Last Word in Photography.

In another part of the studio I found a complete contrast to the simple life of "The Farmer's Wife" in the luxurious apartments used in "A Little Bit of Fluff." Mr. Jack Buchan and Miss Betty Balfour were off the set, chatting with visitors while Mr. Sydney Chaplin was being shot in an inebriation scene. Sydney is very painstaking in his work. For fully a quarter of an hour, while studio hands were moving about him arranging the set, he was going through his part over and over again. At last he got it to his own satisfaction, and "Click" started the camera.

Now, there were a number of studio visitors looking on; not a soul of them laughed. Yet it was a scene which will be laughed at uproariously in the film. This is one of the surprising things in film acting. They have no audience to

FAMOUS TENOR.

JOSEPH HISLOP'S VISIT TO AUSTRALIA.

Mr. Joseph Hislop, the famous tenor, whose Brisbane appearance is being eagerly looked forward to, is repeating the triumphs of his Sydney concerts before crowded audiences in Melbourne.

Mr. Hislop has had a wonderfully successful career, both in concert work and on the grand opera stage, and, if arrangements for his world tour will permit him, he will appear in grand opera in Australia. He has appeared with Dame Nellie Melba at Covent Garden, London, and in America with Galli-Curci. Associated with Mr. Hislop during his concert tour will be Miss Lella Doubleday, the well-known Australian violinist, who recently returned from England with her husband, Mr. Max Piani, and Alberto Sciarretti, the noted solo pianist, who acts as Mr. Hislop's accompanist.

Mr. Hislop was trained in Sweden, and is married to a Swedish lady. The Scandinavian people claim him as their own, and when he sang at Copenhagen on his last tour the King of Denmark attended every performance, conferring on him at his final appearance the Knighthood of Dannebrog. In Stockholm the King of Sweden expressed a desire to create him a Knight of Vasa, his acceptance of which is being considered officially in England. And now we all know that Mr. Hislop is really a Scotsman.

CRAZE FOR CRUDE MUSIC.

It appears that the craze for the crude music of the streets did not stop there. From the hurdy-gurdy it was only a step to "steam-music"—the mechanical, measured airs of the merry-go-round. This was not so easily come by, but one evening a "circus" orchestra appeared in a quiet garden behind Berkeley Square, and the whole of the district which lies west of Soho and east of Hyde Park was filled with a noise which would have sent Sir Thomas Beecham to the North Pole if he had heard it. And now there is no music like the music of the hurdy-gurdy and the piston-driven notes of the circus-engine.

It is listened to with apt delight, and people vie with each other in finding new beauty in it (says the London "Weekly Dispatch"). Before long new dances will be invented to suit its strange rhythm; and that may mean the end of the fox-trot and other negroid "forms of expression" sent across the Atlantic from America.

encourage, except a stentorian director, who shouts "Right!" or a walker-on who displays "N.G." And when, perchance, they do have an audience, they seem to make no impression.

I saw Mr. Dupont, the producer of "Vaudeville," take a scene or two with pretty Miss Eve Gray in a dainty French apartment.

Just a snippet or two now and again is how they make films. There is no continuity about it at all. And everything is shot at least twice before they go on to the next scene. The sets themselves are wonderful. Every little detail is looked after, and if the pillars of a cabaret resound hollow to the knock, the furnishings are beautifully real.

They do all their own incidental work in the studio at Elstree. Fifty electricians see that the great lamps have power, twenty painters decorate the scenery which the studio's own carpenters have made from the studio's own art director's designs. There is a builder's plasterer's shop, where they manufacture great edifices at the shortest notice; a dressmaker's saloon, and all kinds of property workers. Altogether a staff of 300 of a large variety of trades and professions is kept busy every day. At Elstree, too, they have a camera which cost £1,200, reckoned to be the last word in photography.

TELLING STORIES.

A SHEAF FROM FAMOUS COMEDIAN.

HATS IN THEATRES.

Leslie Henson, the famous comedian, writes in "Tropical Times":

I'm going to tell you some stories—just a dozen or so—and if you think they're funny, well, write and tell me. If you don't well—I may have to think of some more, and you'd never believe me if I told you that telling stories is a harder job than working. But, believe me, it is. How do you like this one? A certain well-known actress, while on tour, gave her landlady and daughter four shillings to pay for a couple of seats at the local theatre where she was playing. The next morning she asked them how they enjoyed it. "Oh, fine, thank you, miss," said Ma. "But I hope you don't mind. We went to the pictures instead."

Short and Sharp.

You ought to like this one:—A father in the provinces went to the station to "see off" his son and heir, who was going to London to start business. "Good-bye, John, my lad. Let me know how you get on—but no nonsense; just something brief, practical, and to the point." John promised that his father's wishes should be carried out to a "T." After a fortnight's silence the father received the following p.c. from his offspring:—"S.O.S. L.S.D. R.S.V.P."

I hope you believe this story:—A professional friend of mine, who owns a little place in the country, invited one of his pals down for the week-end. Showing the guest around the place for the first time, my friend included a visit to his "homing pigeon" house. "You say that a pigeon taken from here," said the visitor, "will return in a few hours?"

"Sure thing," my friend replied. "Well," said the other, "I live a hundred miles from here. If I take one of them with me, when do you estimate it will arrive here?" "In three hours," a bet was thereupon made, and the visitor took his departure with the bird. When he got home he clipped its wings and threw it up in the air. Not hearing from my friend as arranged, he sent him a telegram after two days' silence—"Has the homer arrived yet?" Back came the reply—"Pigeon arrived. Walked all the way. Corns on feet as big as onions."

Last Round.

I once paid a visit to a touring company who were playing the "Forty Thieves" at a north country market town. The artists, bless 'em, only numbered eight, and the entry of the robbers into the cave was augmented by their passing out at the back of the stage and entering again at the front. Unfortunately one of the robbers walked with a limp, and when he had entered four times a voice from the gallery yelled—"That's right. Stick it, Hoppy. Last lap!"

Some authors do have bad luck. I have one poor fellow who entered a manager's office one day and asked if the three-act play which he had submitted had been read yet. "Yes," said the manager, "three different people have read it, and each thinks it would be better if one act was cut out."

"I'm glad to hear that it's no worse," replied the author. "But," the other added, "each of them wants to cut out a different act."

Left Luggage.

Servants are a problem sometimes, you know. Take this, for example:—Mrs. Smith was engaged a new maid, and she told her that the last one had been dismissed because a soldier had been discovered hiding beneath the kitchen table. The girl was cute, for she said—"I would never encourage that sort of thing, of course." She was engaged, and some few days later Mrs. Smith, hearing sounds of merriment, went below stairs to enquire the cause. The room was empty—so it seemed—but when

THE SEX APPEAL.

VIEWS OF G. BERNARD SHAW.

Mr. G. Bernard Shaw, in an address to film exhibition in London, accused them of having minds "full of the most amazing things. They believe that the public are entirely occupied either with wild adventures of the most extravagant kind or—that they believe to be at least nine-tenths of the whole attraction—something they call sex appeal. They are full of sex appeal. You may take the greatest trouble to make the most beautiful and artistic film, but they say, 'Where is the sex appeal?' And if there isn't any they simply won't believe that people will go and see it."

"You take one of these gentlemen and tell him, 'Are you aware that large crowds go to hear the Dean of St. Paul's preach, or that there is a building in Albemarle Street filled with people listening to scientific lectures, or that there are large halls over the country crowded to hear political speeches?' They will reply, 'You needn't talk to me about that. Where is the sex appeal?' Well, where is the sex appeal about Dean Inge?"

"As a matter of fact, the whole experience of the movies shows that sex appeal is a thing which you may neglect almost altogether. Who are the two people who have proved to be the most universally attractive in the cinema? I should say Mr. Charles Chaplin and Miss Mary Pickford. There is no sex appeal in their films at all."

NON-PAYING ORCHESTRAS.

Information which has been obtained on the financial aspect of municipal orchestras is not likely to encourage a hesitating Town Council to embark on a similar scheme.

In Great Britain and Ireland only half a dozen municipalities run their own orchestras, and when we find that a place like Bournemouth, which has the benefit of Winter Gardens to give the orchestra employment during the cold months of the year, and endeavours to tempt the crowd by low charges for entertainment, has to meet a deficit of £4,000 to £5,000 a year, the possibility of making a municipal orchestra reasonably self-supporting appears to be remote.

The idea of a municipally promoted orchestra is very captivating. It ought to pay for itself in the natural assumption; but the evidence of fact is that in no case has it done so.

Mrs. S. looked under the table she discovered a mere man lying on the floor.

"I told you, Maggie, that I would not permit this sort of thing," she said, with her temper rising, "and you promised to obey. How do you account for this man's presence?"

"It's not my doings of," Maggie replied. "He must have been left there by the last maid."

My Brainwave.

I once knew a theatre manager who puzzled his brains for a way to get the lady patrons to remove their hats. He consulted me, and I whispered an idea. All good ideas should be whispered, you know. The next night there came from the proscenium that "Only elderly ladies are allowed to retain their bonnets." Don't you think it was a good idea of mine?

Now let me think of another one. Oh, yes, here we are.—A master builder saw a workman with a pipe in his mouth leaning up against the wall of the house they were constructing. He promptly gave him a week's wages and discharged him. When he told the foreman what he had done, the latter replied—"He's not one of our men at all!"

And now a story from the land of Pat and Mike. An Irishman and his wife visited a theatre, and she noticed the word "Asbestos" on the stage curtain. "Shure, Pat, and phwat does the word 'Asbestos' on the curtain mean?" she asked.

"Begorra, Maggie, don't show your ignorance," replied Pat. "That's Latin for 'Welcome'."

After that, good-bye.

SCREENINGS.

CLOSE-UP OF MASTER STRIPES.

A close-up shot of a tiger leaping directly at the lens of the camera is one of the most startlingly effective shots in "Chang," the picture that was made in the jungles of north-eastern Siam, and which is being released by Paramount. The picture was taken by Merlan C. Cooper and Ernest B. Schoedsack, who spent eighteen months in the jungle country during its filming.

Motion picture enthusiasts, particularly those interested in "what the well-dressed youth will wear," will probably be astonished to learn that Janet Gaynor, newly risen to stardom because of her work in "7th Heaven," wears an outfit in "2 Girls Wanted" which costs £4. This in spite of the fear in some quarters that Fox Films would surround her with a super-elaborate wardrobe when they gave her a contract. The Janet Gaynor outfit is itemised here:—Tailored suit, £2/16; shoes, 12/; hat, 5/; shirt, 2/6; tie, belt, hosiery, 4/6. Reading these costs, one seeks an explanation—and here it is. The apparel was that of a 16-year-old boy, who wore his clothes where he found them. To fit the character, all Janet's rig had to be bought in a bargain store. Alfred Green, the director, promised Janet she could keep the costume when the picture was finished.

Bebe Daniels is a descendant of the Empress Josephine on her mother's side. Her grandmother, a native of Barcelona, Spain, whose father later became a Governor of the United States of Colombia in South America. Before her marriage to George Butler Griffin, of New York, she was known by the euphonious name, Senorita Eva Guadalupe de Garcia de la Plaza.

When Dolores Costello left Hollywood for New York after completing "The Heart of Maryland," a Master Picture to be released soon, it was for a vacation. She meant to have a restful time of it. Reaching Columbus, Ohio, she was asked to stop over, attend the Motion Picture Theatre Owners' Convention, take tea with the Governor of the State and his wife, and accept the keys of the city. As the train reached Pittsburgh, Pa., she was again asked to halt her journey and accept several local honours, including the keys of the city. The journey continued. Miss Costello thought there would be no more calls on her time. Once in New York, however, she found a luncheon given in her honour, and attended by all the motion picture critics. Then she was asked to make her personal appearance at the gala world premiere of her new picture, "Old San Francisco," and after meeting interviewers, photographers, and hosts of others Miss Costello was delighted when the time came for her to hurry back to Hollywood after a vacation that was one in name only.

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"This picture is fanciful. Nervous breakdowns do not occur in that fashion. The hardest workers are the very people who seem to be least liable to suffer from them.

"As a general rule, indeed, the victim of a nervous breakdown has been afflicted with 'nerves' for years before he finally hauls down his flag. The last catastrophe is merely the most important of a long series of disasters.

"This fact deserves the attention of all those who may think or 'feel' that they are likely to suffer from broken nerves. Because here, as elsewhere, a stitch in time saves nine. It is no use waiting for the final crash when by the exercise of a little precaution that crash can be avoided.

"Nervous feelings in the majority of instances are a symptom not of physical but of physical ill-health. They occur constantly during illnesses of a great many different kinds, and they manifest themselves in a great many different ways.

"One of the commonest of such manifestations is bad temper. If a man feels that his temper is frayed he had better make up his mind that he is slightly ill, unless, indeed, there be good cause for the frayed temper. A visit to a doctor at this period may save a visit to a nursing home a few months later.

"Indigestion is a fruitful source of nervous breakdowns, but the most fruitful source of all is certainly rheumatism. Rheumatic folk, in fact, are nearly all nervously unstable.

"If this fact were more generally recognised than it is, a great deal of trouble and sorrow would be avoided. Rheumatism may not be curable—probably it is not curable—but it is most emphatically capable of amelioration. And dryness is a tried and trustworthy method of ameliorating it.

MAX LINDER.

SUIT OVER CHILD'S
GUARDIAN.

ALLEGATION RULED OUT.

Paris, Dec. 24.

That the late Max Linder's choice of his brother as guardian of his three-year-old daughter must be accepted, was the opinion expressed in the Paris Civil Courts by M. Laronze, the Public Prosecutor. The trial, which was attended by a large crowd, was the outcome of action started by Mme. Peters, mother of the late Mme. Max Linder, who is contesting the right of the deceased comedian's brother to be appointed the young child's guardian. The Civil Court will give its decision in a week. Mme. Peters was represented by M. Alexandre Millerand, former President of France, while M. Linder's brother was represented by M. Paul Boncour, France's representative on the Council of the League of Nations.

M. Laronze pointed out that Max Linder and his wife both made their wills at an interval of only a few days, and that they died at an interval of only seven hours. He set aside the allegation that M. Linder had lost control of his reason through the abuse of drugs and concluded that the late comedian's daughter should be surrendered by her grandmother to the care of M. Linder's brother, her legal guardian.

"Wet feet bring on attacks of rheumatism, and attacks of rheumatism bring on 'nerves.' A sound pair of goloshes is the best investment it is possible to imagine at this period of the year.

"The goloshes should be worn only when out of doors, and they should be worn until the end of March. It is a significant fact that most nervous breakdowns occur between Christmas and Easter—that is when the ground is at its coldest and usually wettest.

"And then there is diet. Give a rheumatic subject two big meat meals daily for six months and he will break down almost as surely as the sun rises. For some reason or other rheumatism unfits the body for the digestion of much meat. What the rheumatic person requires is light, easily digested food, eggs, milk, fish, and so on."

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CHILDREN.

PROPORTION WRONG.

"Those who have succeeded by energy and ability are more likely than failures to have distinguished children," said Dean Inge, speaking at the Oxford Lunch Club.

"Children of the professional classes are better naturally endowed than the offspring of hand-workers," he added.

"Society at present favours the increase of slum-dwellers' children and the decrease of professional men's sons. This is most grave."

Feeble-minded women at present showed the highest birth-rate, slum-dwellers were next, then miners, while the lowest birth-rate was among doctors, and the next lowest among the clergy and teachers.

"We are throwing away the cream of each generation, because the best of the working classes when absorbed by the professionals, became sterile," he continued.

MAGIC GAITERS.

TRICKSTER'S POSE AS
ARCHDEACON.

An affable, middle-aged man, wearing the gaiters, clerical collar, and soft black felt hat of an archdeacon, walked into a West End tobacconist and asked to be shown some cigars. He had excellent taste in expensive brands and spoke with the certainty of a connoisseur. Next he turned to cigarettes and showed the same good judgment. While doing so he continued a light conversation on a variety of subjects.

When the time came for paying he produced a card with an address in the north of London. Then, as though it were the most natural thing in the world, and still carrying on a conversation with the tobacconist, whose heart he had won by this time, he produced a cheque book, paid for his purchases with a cheque, and carried them away with him.

But the bank disclaimed any knowledge of an account in the name given, and though the telephone directory gave the name, a conversation soon showed that the card did not belong to the archdeacon.

Then the tobacconist recalled that the "archdeacon" had been wearing a blue cloth overcoat, which hardly went with the rest of his clothing.

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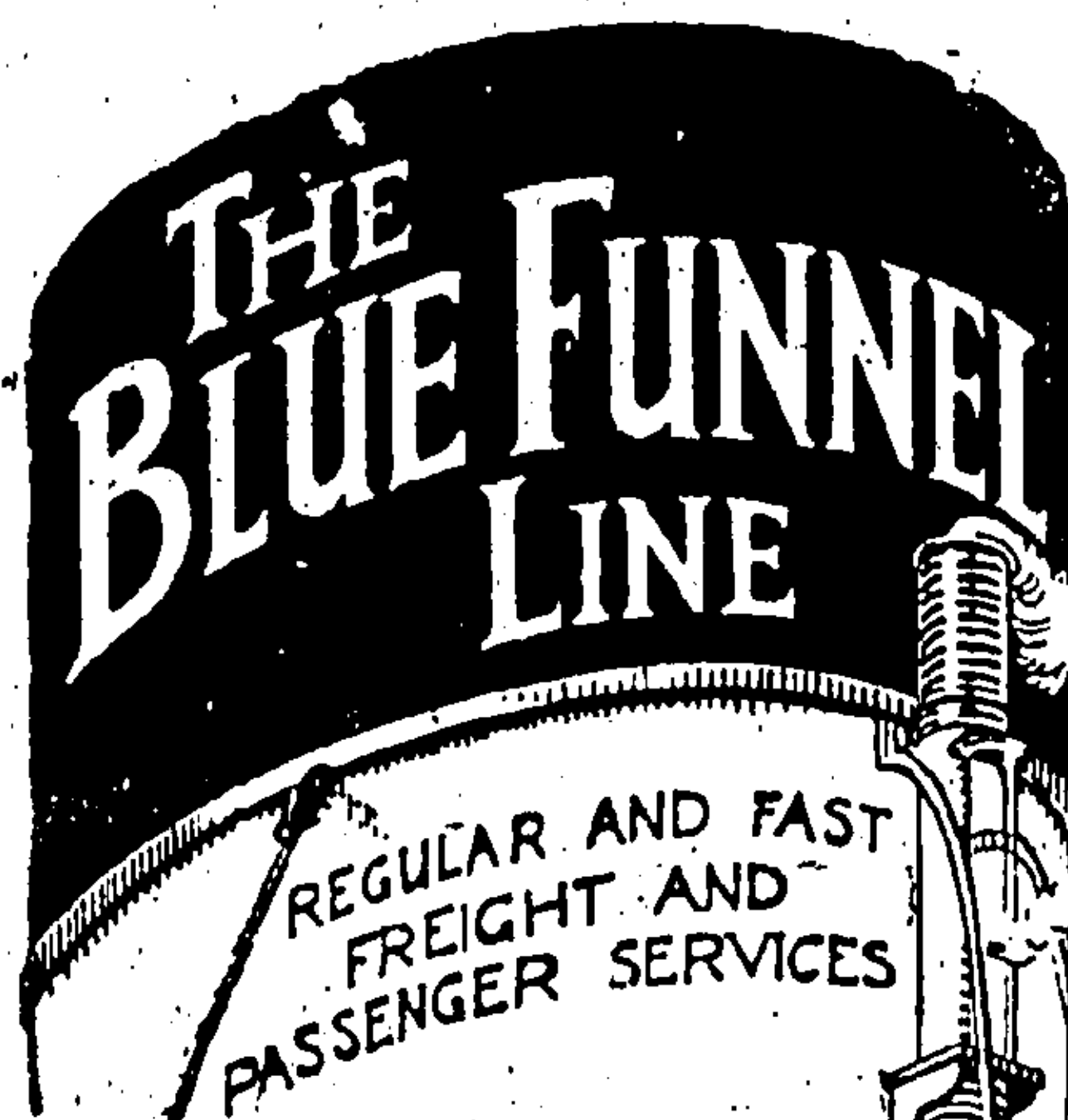
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INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	20
Saigon	FRIDAY, JANUARY	D'Artagnan.
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Manila	SUNDAY, JANUARY	Kaijo Maru 9 a.m.
Shanghai	TUESDAY, JANUARY	Pres. Cleveland 9 a.m.
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NOTORIOUS OUTLAW.

Shielded By Indian Clans.

FRONTIER ROUND-UP.

Sequel To Murder Of Lady In 1923.

Peshawar, Yesterday. The Frontier Constabulary have carried out an extensive round-up of the leading Orakzai clans for not surrendering Sultan Mir, a notorious outlaw who was concerned in the murder of Mrs. Ellis and kidnapping her daughter some years ago.

An agreement was made in 1923 whereby the tribes of Tirah were pledged not to allow any member of the gang concerned on the Ellis case to enter their territory or, if they did, surrender them.

Sultan Mir, whose son, Gulakhar, was arrested and executed at Peshawar in 1927, is believed to be living in the Orakzai country under the patronage of an influential Mullah, Mahmud Akhun Zada, who has lately been the cause of certain restlessness on the part of the Orakzais.—Reuter.

TRADE REVIVAL.

GOOD GROUND FOR CONFIDENCE.

ENCOURAGING FACTORS.

London, Yesterday. "Looking to the future there is good ground for confidence" declared Mr. Frederick Goodenough in reviewing Britain's trade prospects at Barclay's Bank annual meeting.

He said that both the industry and trade of Britain were at present showing indications of a substantial revival which was likely to be more permanent than the earlier short revivals. He instanced the recovery of shipbuilding and also the growing mutual understanding between capital and labour and said that America had an advantage by having internal tariffs, free trade abroad and small taxation; in Germany also, where following the Dawes scheme, great industrial amalgamations had occurred facilitating mass production.

These were likely to become chief rivals with each other but Britain, by better organisation of the basic industries and by combination of interests should be able to hold her own.

He deprecated the suggestion of a European Customs Union or a Tariff Agreement which, he was of opinion would chiefly benefit Germany, but he advocated devoting our energies towards developing the empire through inter-imperial finance and trade.

Referring to the suggestions that banks should direct a policy as to various industries, notably Lancashire cotton, Mr. Goodenough said that the banks had advanced large sums to cotton mills and there was little room for further advances. In many cases it was not the function of the bank to determine the method of carrying on a particular interest. That must be left to the people engaged in the industry.—Reuter.

"More Permanent."

Rugby, Yesterday. Mr. Goodenough, presiding at the general meeting of Barclay's Bank, said that both industry and trade in this country were showing indications of a substantial revival at the present moment. Although there had been similar signs of improvement at intervals during the last few years which proved, however, to be only temporary, yet on each successive revival the duration had been somewhat extended and was only cut short in 1926 by the coal dispute and by labour difficulties.

Except for the fact that competition and rules of supply and demand must necessarily affect future values, the continuous process of stabilisation of currencies and world prices which was taking place afforded a reasonable expectation that the trade improvement which this country was now experiencing might be more permanent.

The recent recovery in the shipbuilding industry seemed to point the way to improved conditions in many directions. There were also signs of a growing understanding on the part of capital and labour that their interests were mutual, and there was taking place a gradual recovery from the upheaval and exhaustion from the war.—British Wireless Service.

DEFACED NOTE.

Decision of Privy Council.

BANK LOSSES.

Contract To Honour Note Clear.

London, Yesterday. The Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, consisting of Lords Buckmaster, Blanesburgh, and Darling, dismissed the appeal brought by the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation against the judgment of the Supreme Court, Hong Kong, in order to discover the legal position as regards a bank note whose number was defaced.

The respondent, Lo Lee-shi, did not appear. Lord Buckmaster recalled that the wife of Lo Lee-shi hid two \$500 notes in a garment which was washed, dried, and starched. They were rediscovered during the ironing. The notes were mutilated. The Bank paid one, which was fully reconstructed, but refused to pay the other as the number was missing.

Their Lordships, though unwilling to lay down a general principle in law, expressed the opinion that the Bank's contract to honour the note was sufficiently evidenced by the mutilated document and verbal testimony.—Reuter.

WIRELESS PHONES.

SERVICE BETWEEN BELGIUM AND AMERICA.

FORMAL OPENING.

Rugby, Yesterday. The wireless telephony service between Cuba, the United States and Britain will be extended today to Brussels and Antwerp. Trial tests have given satisfaction and the service will be opened for public calls this afternoon.—British Wireless Service.

A Bank's Order. Brussels, Yesterday. The National Bank of Belgium inaugurated the commercial wireless telephony service between Brussels and New York by communication with the Federal Reserve Bank, in the course of which the Governor of the National Bank ordered a million dollars worth of gold ingots.—Reuter.

Greeting to America. Brussels, Yesterday. Mr. Phipps, Minister for Railways and Communications, sent a message to the Belgian Ambassador to the United States cordially greeting the American people and hoping that the establishment of telephonic communications would inaugurate closer economic relations between the two countries. The United States Ambassador in Belgium later conversed with Mr. Kellogg. The experiment was most successful, the voices being heard with great clarity.—Reuter.

GERMAN CABINET.

NEW MINISTER OF DEFENCE APPOINTED.

WAR ACTIVITIES.

Berlin, Yesterday. General Groener has been appointed Minister of Defence in succession to Herr Gessler. Groener, who is 61, was in charge of the entire railway operations at the outbreak of the War. He conducted the economic mobilisation of the civilian population in 1918 and succeeded Ludendorff as Quartermaster-General.

In 1918 he played a decisive role in the ex-Kaiser's flight to Holland of which the Nationalists have not forgiven him.—Reuter.

DEAN SYMONS.

DEATH REPORTED IN SHANGHAI.

Shanghai, Yesterday. The death of the Very Reverend Dean Symons occurred this morning as the result of pneumonia.—Reuter.

[Dean Symons had been associated with Holy Trinity Church, Shanghai, for many years, formerly as Chaplain and, since the retirement of Dean Walker, as dean. He was about 60 years' old, active, unassuming and generally well liked. Two of his sons were killed in the War. Much sympathy will be felt for Mrs. and Miss Symons in their bereavement.]

INDIAN REFORMS.

Departure of The Commission.

HOPES OF SUCCESS.

Unusual Demonstration At Railway Station.

Rugby, Yesterday. Sir John Simon and his colleagues of the Statutory Commission, which is to inquire into the working of Indian reforms, leave London to-day and embark on the P. & O. s.s. "Mooltan" at Marseilles to-morrow. They reach Bombay on February 3 and proceed first to Delhi.

Last night, Sir John Simon's legal colleagues bade him farewell. Sir Douglas Hogg, Attorney-General, expressed the desire that success would crown the great work Sir John Simon had undertaken.—British Wireless Service.

Lord Birkenhead Optimistic. Rugby, Yesterday. Lord Birkenhead, Secretary for India, speaking at a luncheon of the Association of British Chambers of Commerce, referred to the Commission which, headed by Sir John Simon, left London to-day for India to investigate there the subject of constitutional reforms.

He said that the members of the Commission had undertaken a task which meant that they must spend four months this year and seven months more to studying the material they had collected. He had the highest hopes of the success of the Commission, and added: "I have formed the clear view that the less I intervene from this side the better, unless any matter of real principle, upon which the Commission desire to consult me, may become involved."

A Splendid Send Off. The departure of the Indian Commission was attended by an unusual demonstration. Several hundred people were assembled at Victoria Station. Mr. Baldwin, Lord Birkenhead, Viscount Peel (former Secretary for India), Earl Winterton, Under-Secretary for India, and a large number of members of Parliament of all parties were present. Sir John Simon expressed his thanks for the splendid send-off. A great cheer was raised when the train moved off, Cabinet Ministers joining in. There were many Indians in the crowd.

Reaching Bombay on February 3 the Commission will proceed to Delhi.

Staying there a few weeks they will observe the work of the Council of State and examine the administrative machinery of the Central Government. They will afterwards go to Madras and Lahore, and it is understood they will come into close contact with influential Indians in an unofficial atmosphere.—British Wireless Service.

CASTELLANI.

RECOGNITION OF MEDICAL WORK.

KNIGHTED BY THE KING.

Rugby, Yesterday. H.M. the King has conferred the rank of honorary Knight Commander of the Order of Saint Michael and Saint George upon Dr. Castellani, Director of Tropical Medicine at the Ross Institute and the Hospital of Tropical Diseases, London.

Dr. Castellani, who was born in Florence, has lived in England for many years. He is chiefly known for his part in elucidating the causes of sleeping sickness, yaws and other tropical maladies.—British Wireless Service.

COST OF LIVING.

PROGRESSIVE DECREASE AT HOME.

LESS UNEMPLOYMENT.

Rugby, Yesterday. In a survey of the cost of living and of trade disputes during the past year the Ministry of Labour records that in spite of losses in some important industries, the average number of persons actually unemployed was smaller than in the previous year. The number of trade disputes causing stoppage of work was the lowest ever recorded.

The average amount of unemployment among insured persons was less than in any year since 1920. The review shows that contemporaneously with a general improvement in employment the cost of living has progressively decreased.—British Wireless Service.

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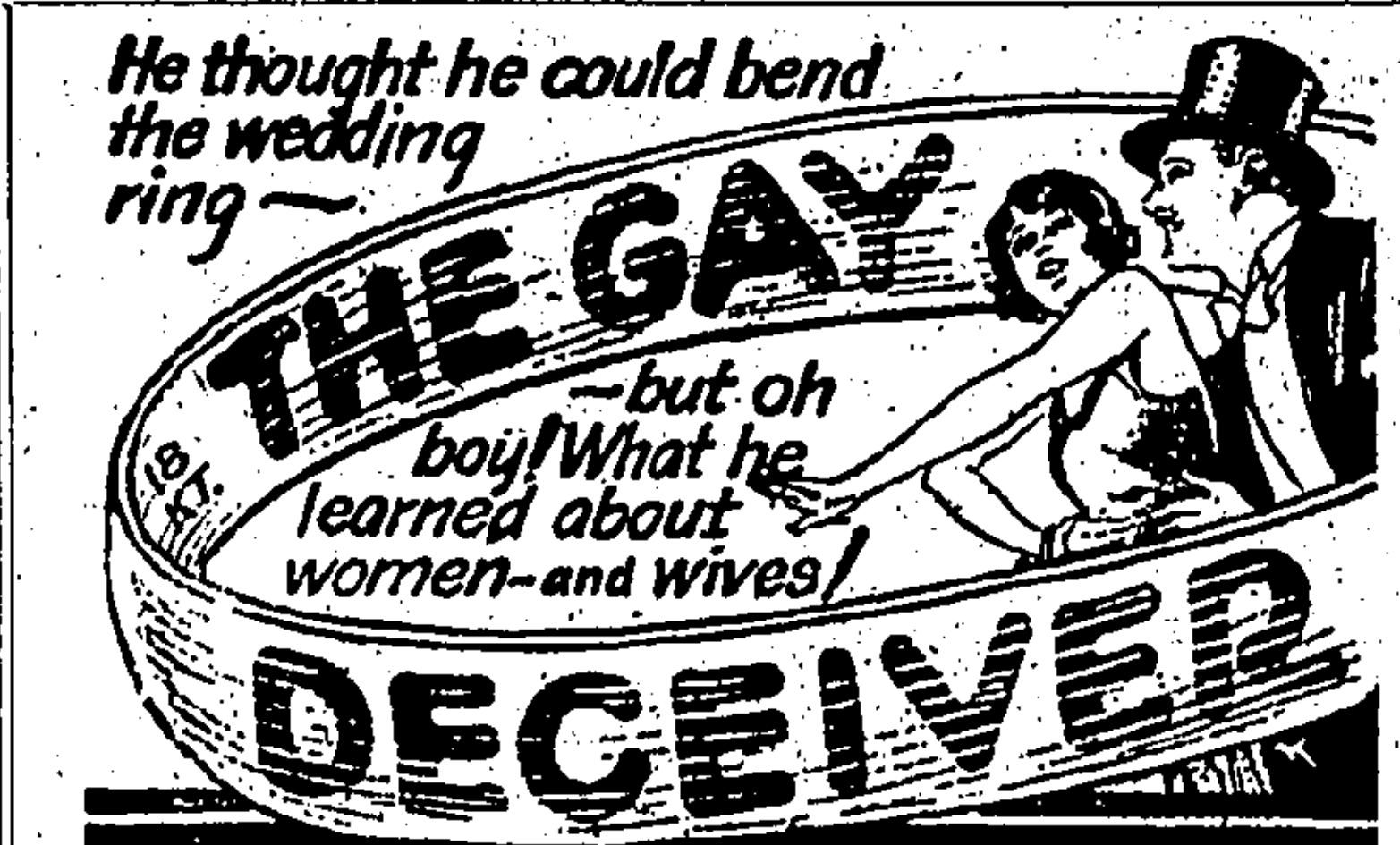
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